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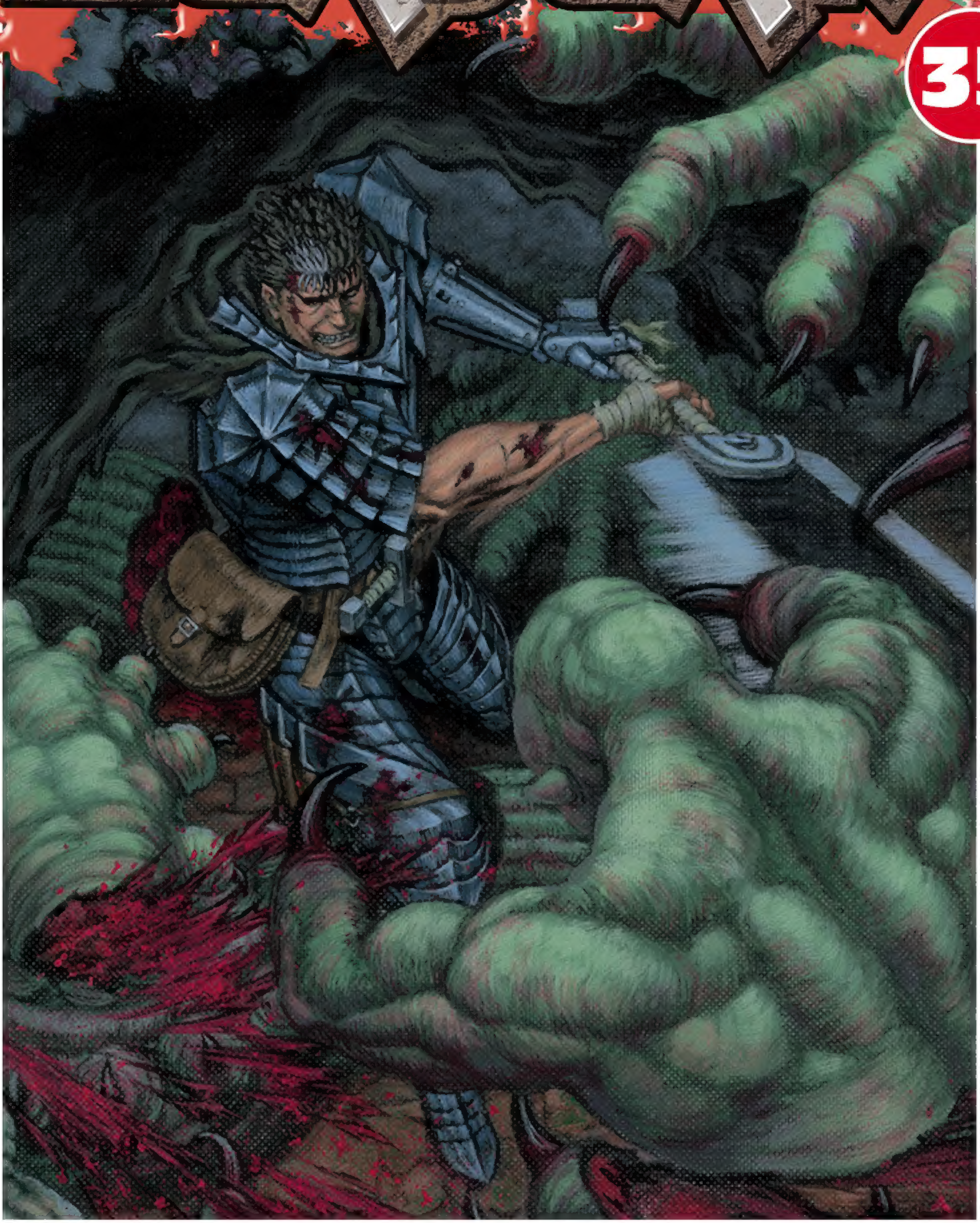

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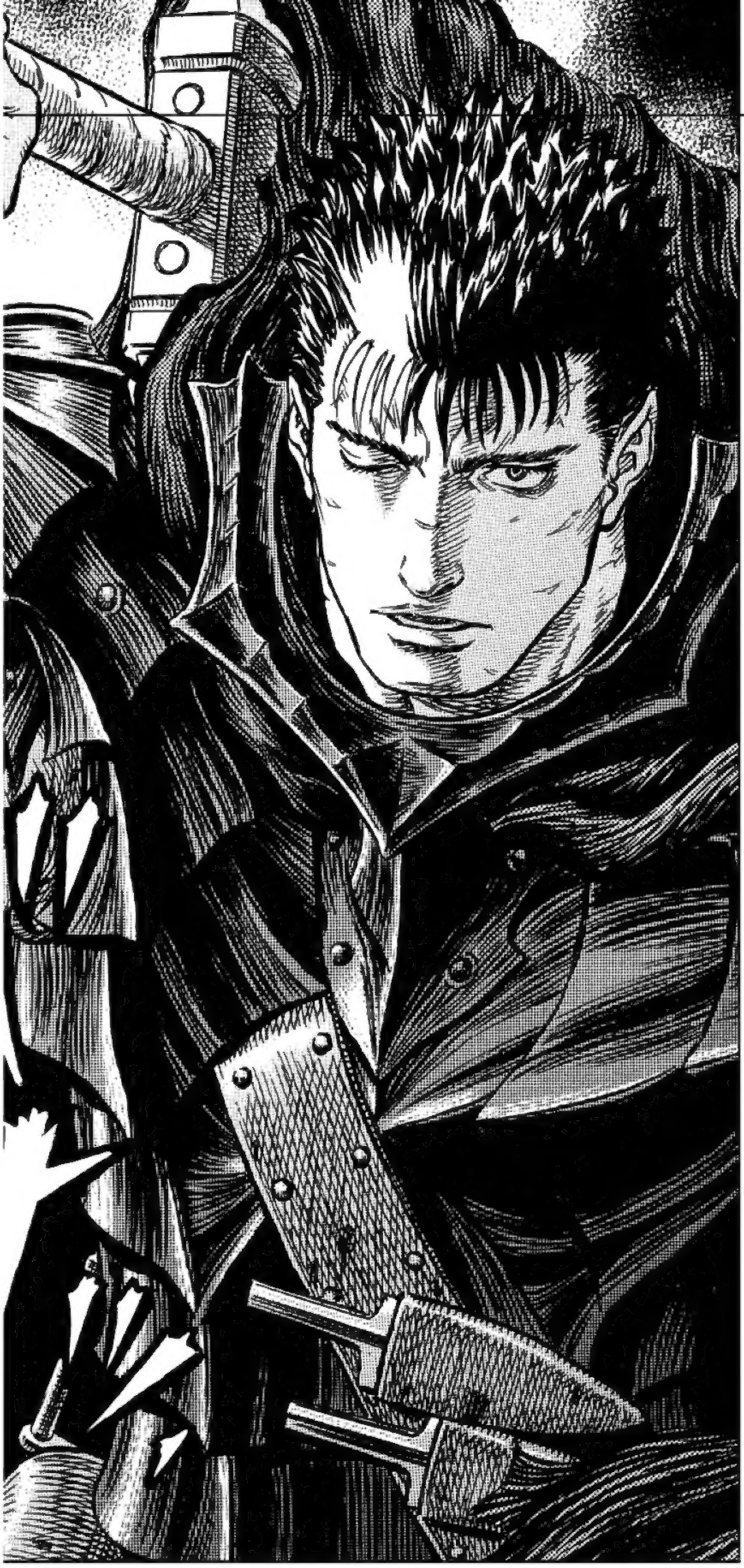
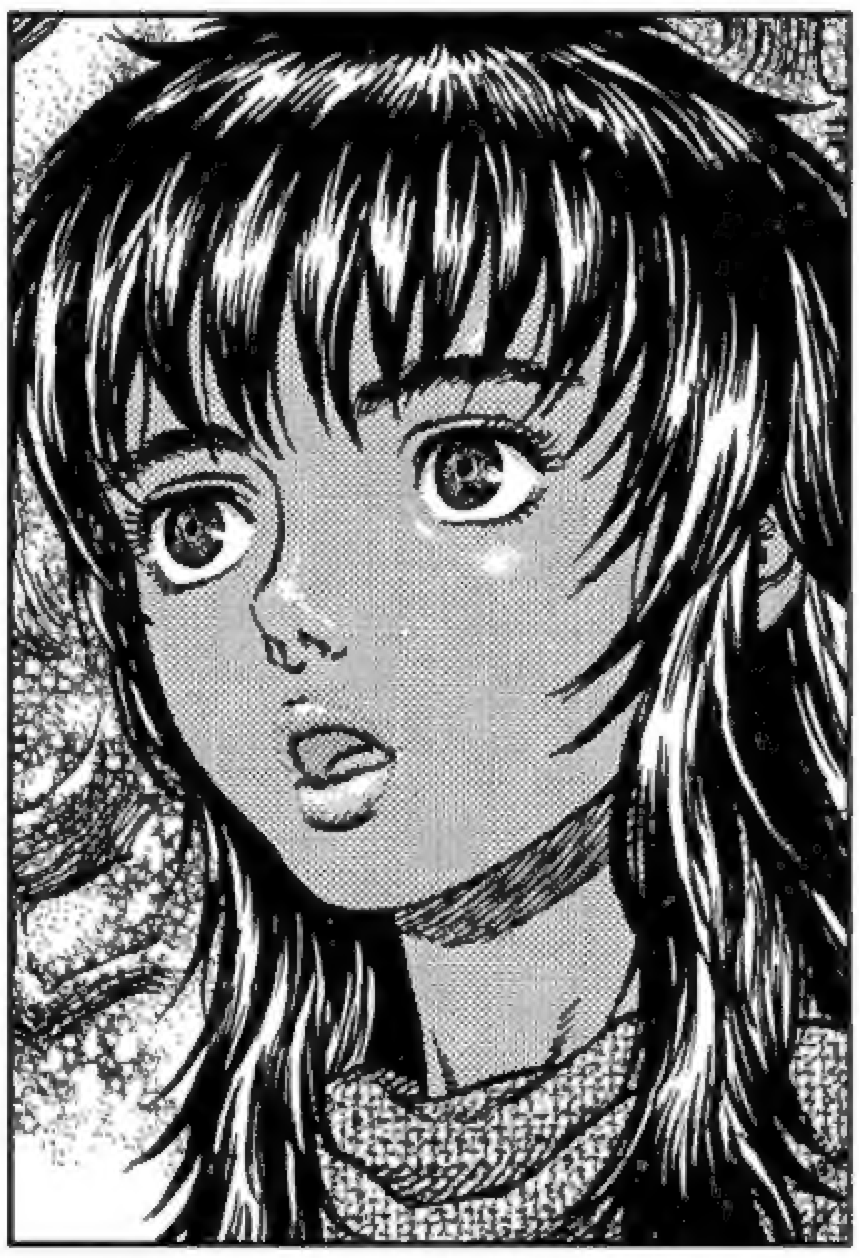


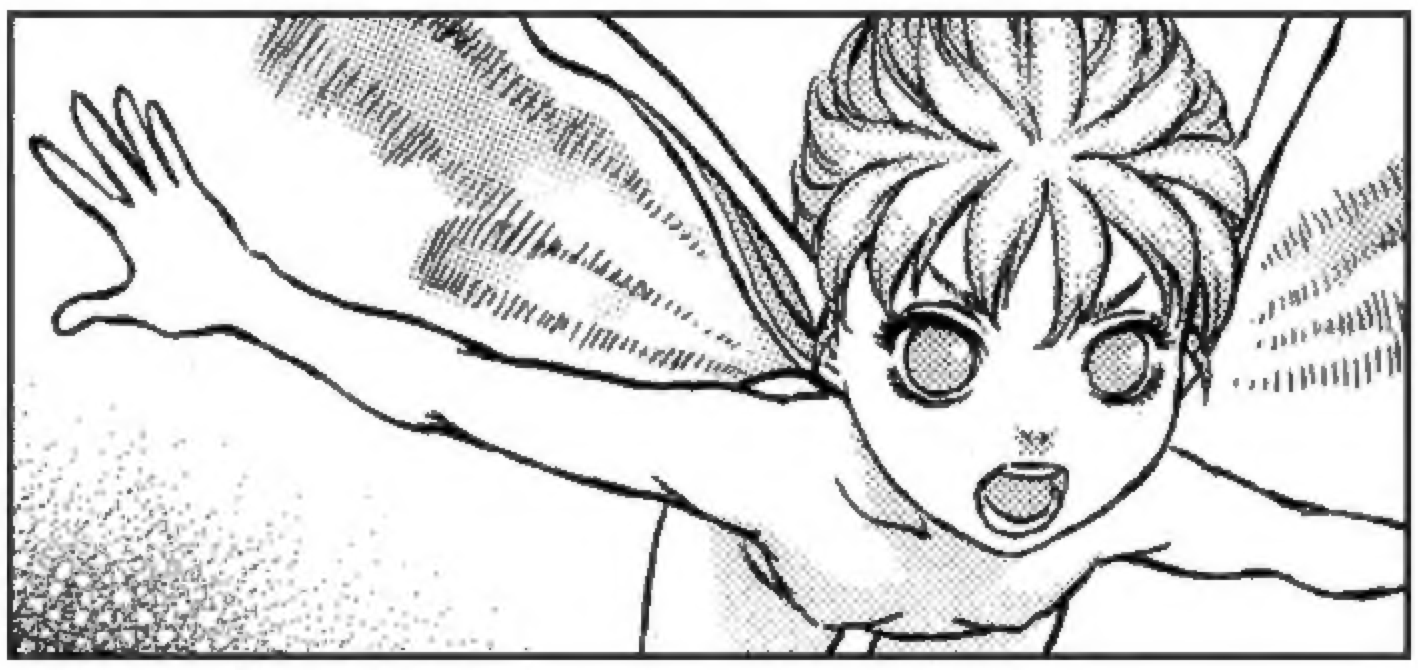
ガッツ *Guts*

The main character of the story, the Black Swordsman. He exists in the interstice, wears the Berserker armor, and his soul is constantly torn between protecting Casca and challenging Griffith. That struggle is nothing short of sublime.



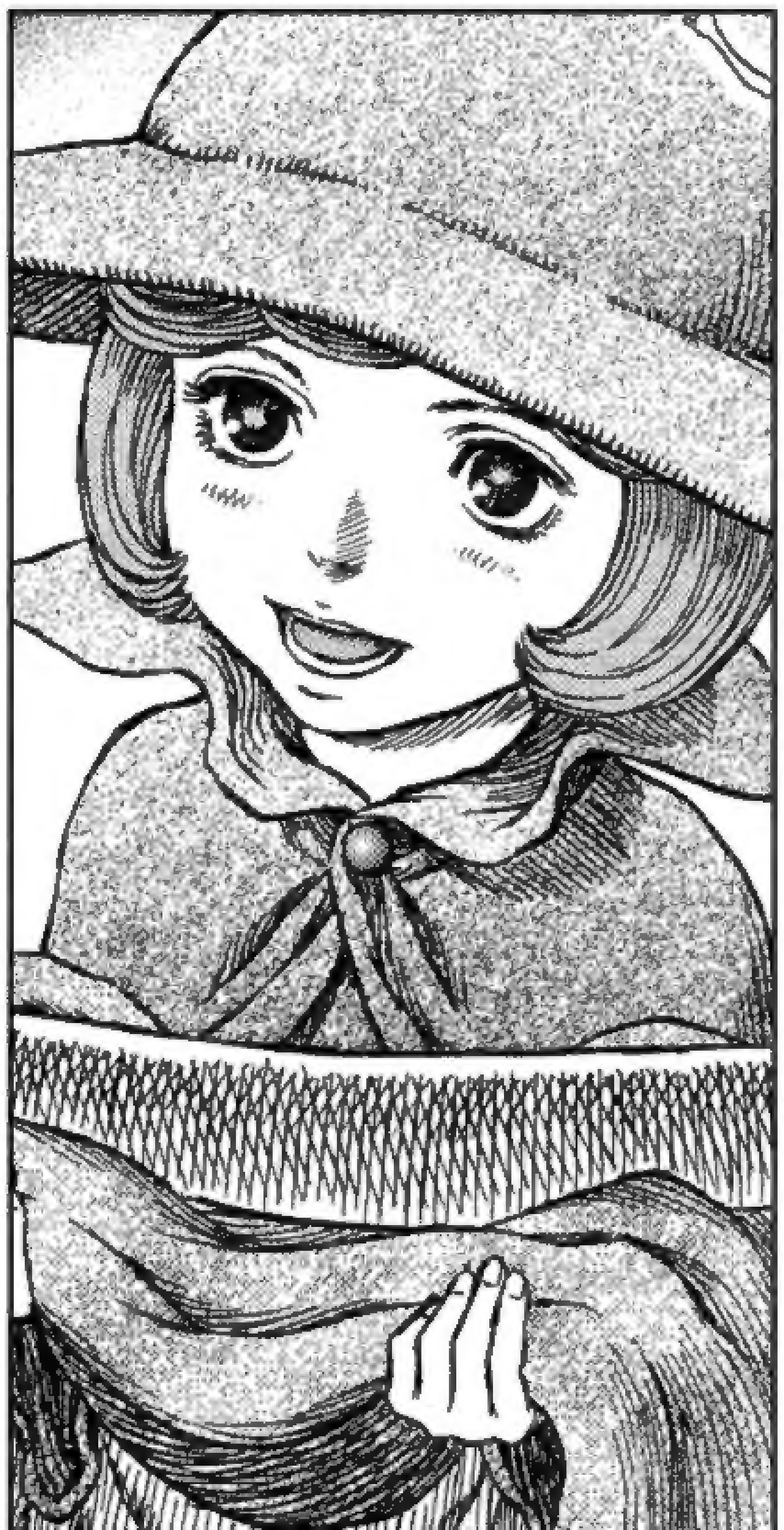
キャスカ *Casca*

Former unit commander of the Band of the Hawk; mentally regressed from her experience in the eclipse. She now neither speaks nor conveys any feelings. Her brand, which reacts to evil, is narrowly shielded by Flora's talisman.



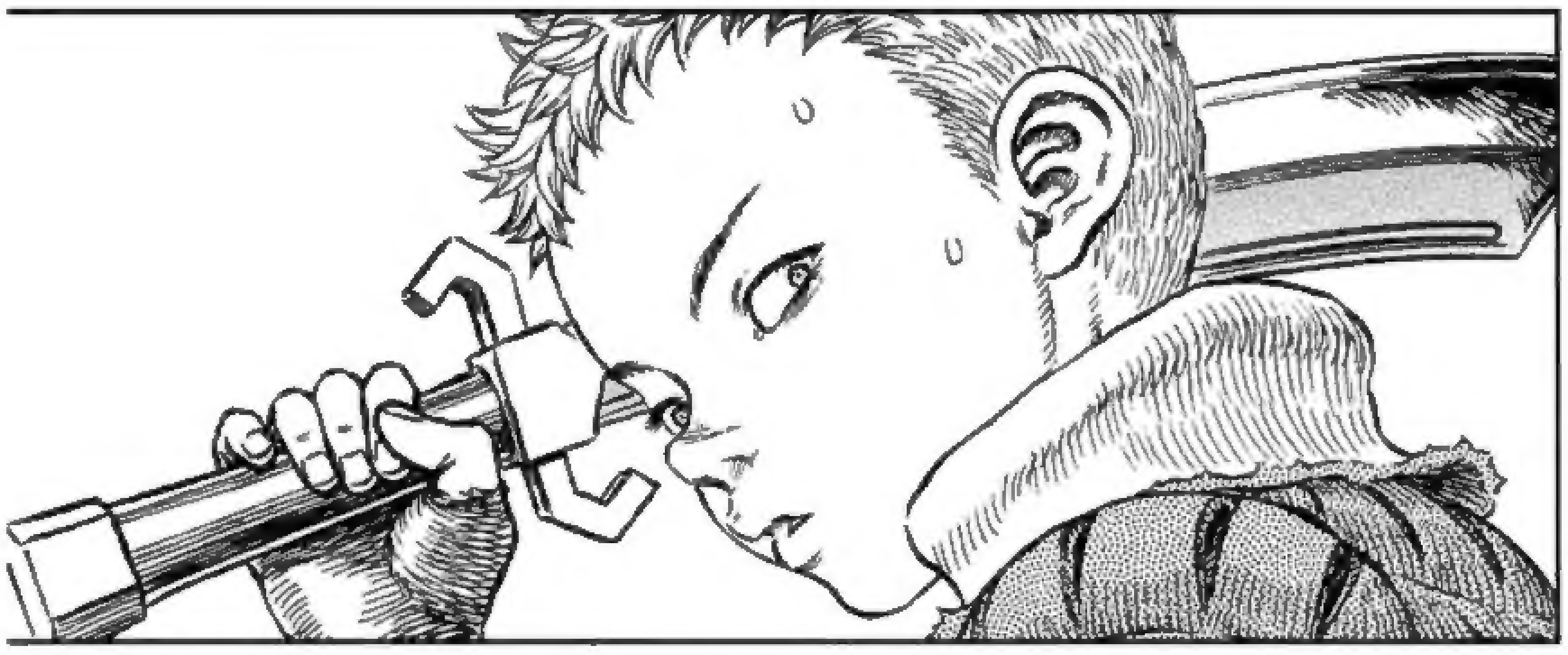
パック *Puck*

An elf who's long been with Guts on his journeys. His dust has the power to heal wounds. He confirmed that he's a wind spirit, and he also changes into Chestnut Puck.



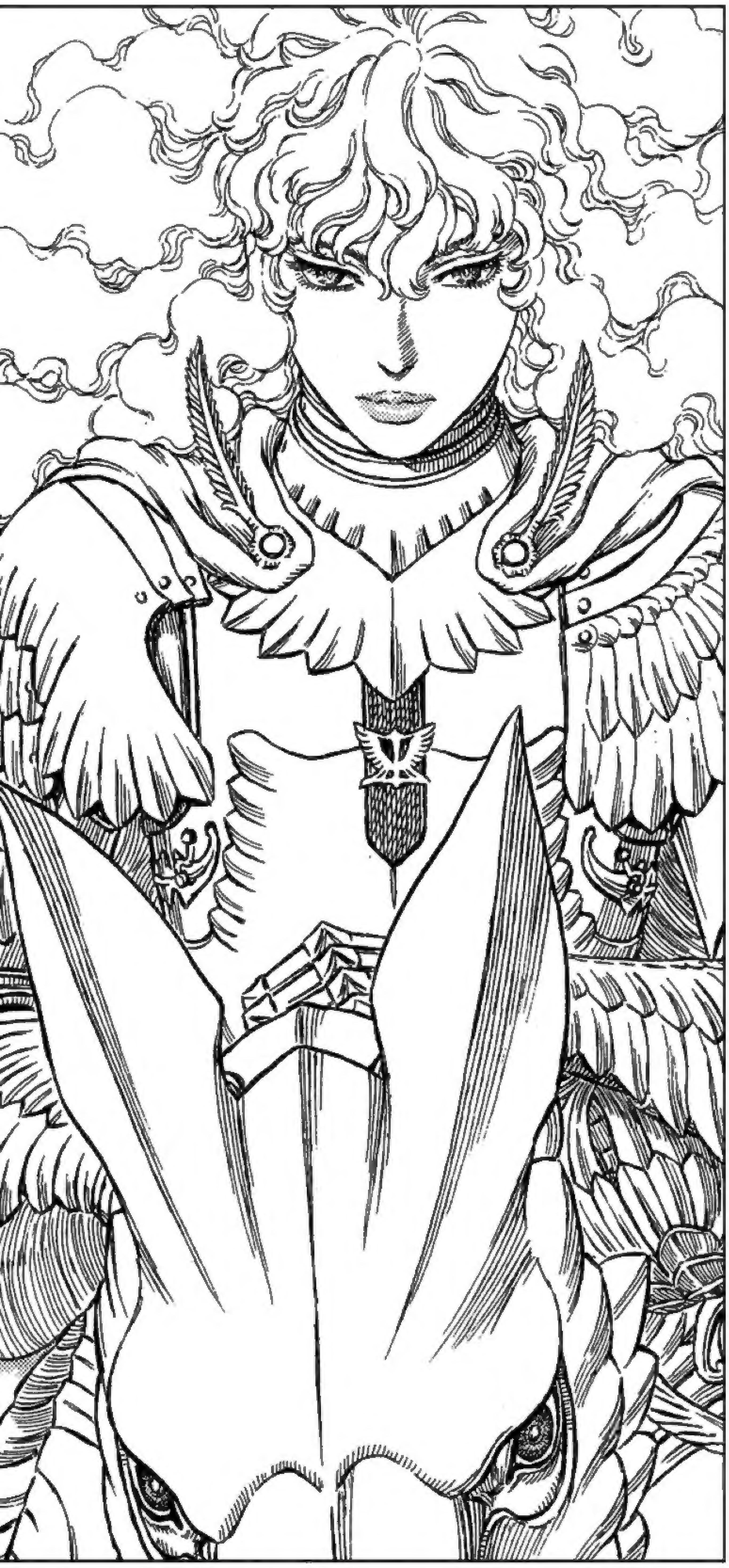
シールケ *Schierke*

Disciple of Flora, witch of the spirit tree mansion. She supports Guts and the others through her use of magic; however, among her spells are some beyond her mastery, which occasionally place her in great peril as she tries to aid her allies. She has a stilted side to her personality.



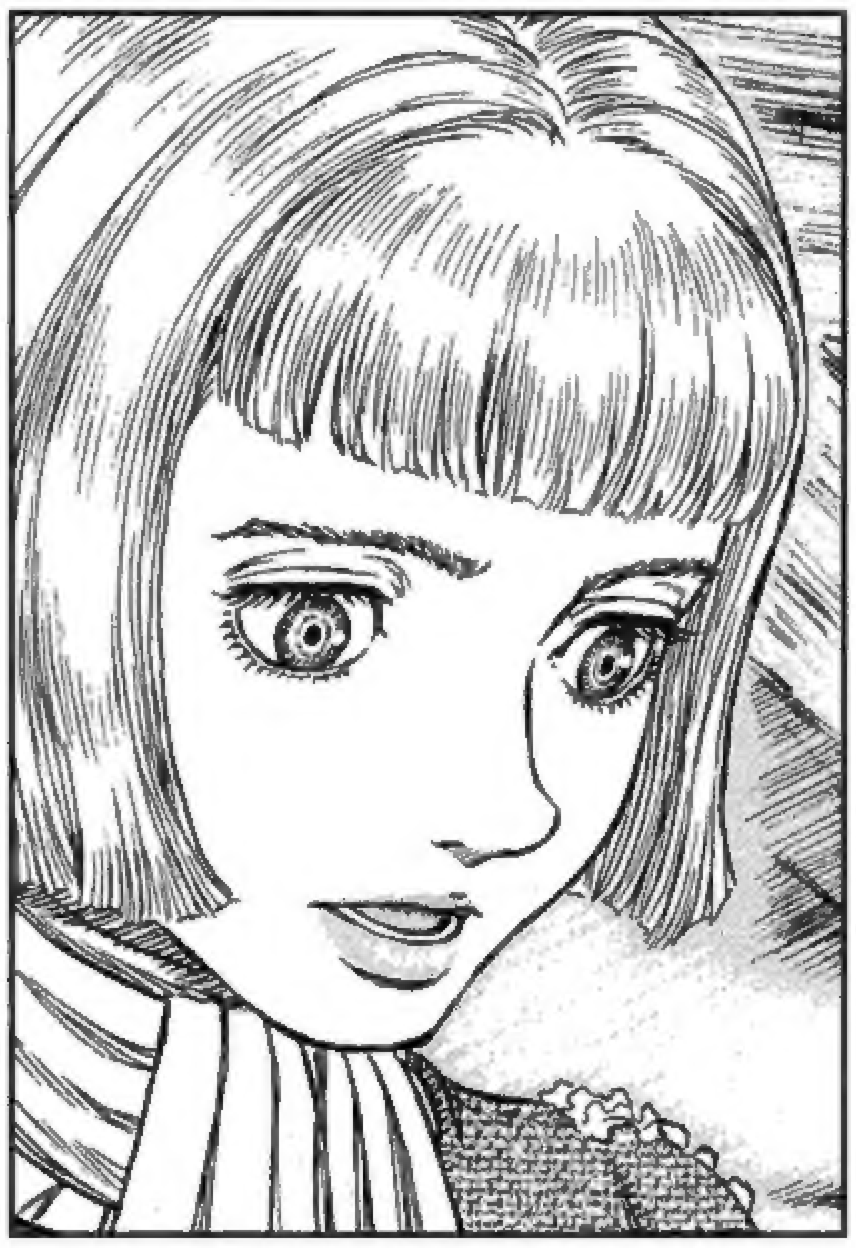
イシドロ *Isidro*

Dreams of being the "ultimate swordsman," but his actual talent, not up to snuff, repeatedly endangers him. Nevertheless, the boy endeavors toward his dream. He is currently equipped with a fetish granted the protection of fire elementals.



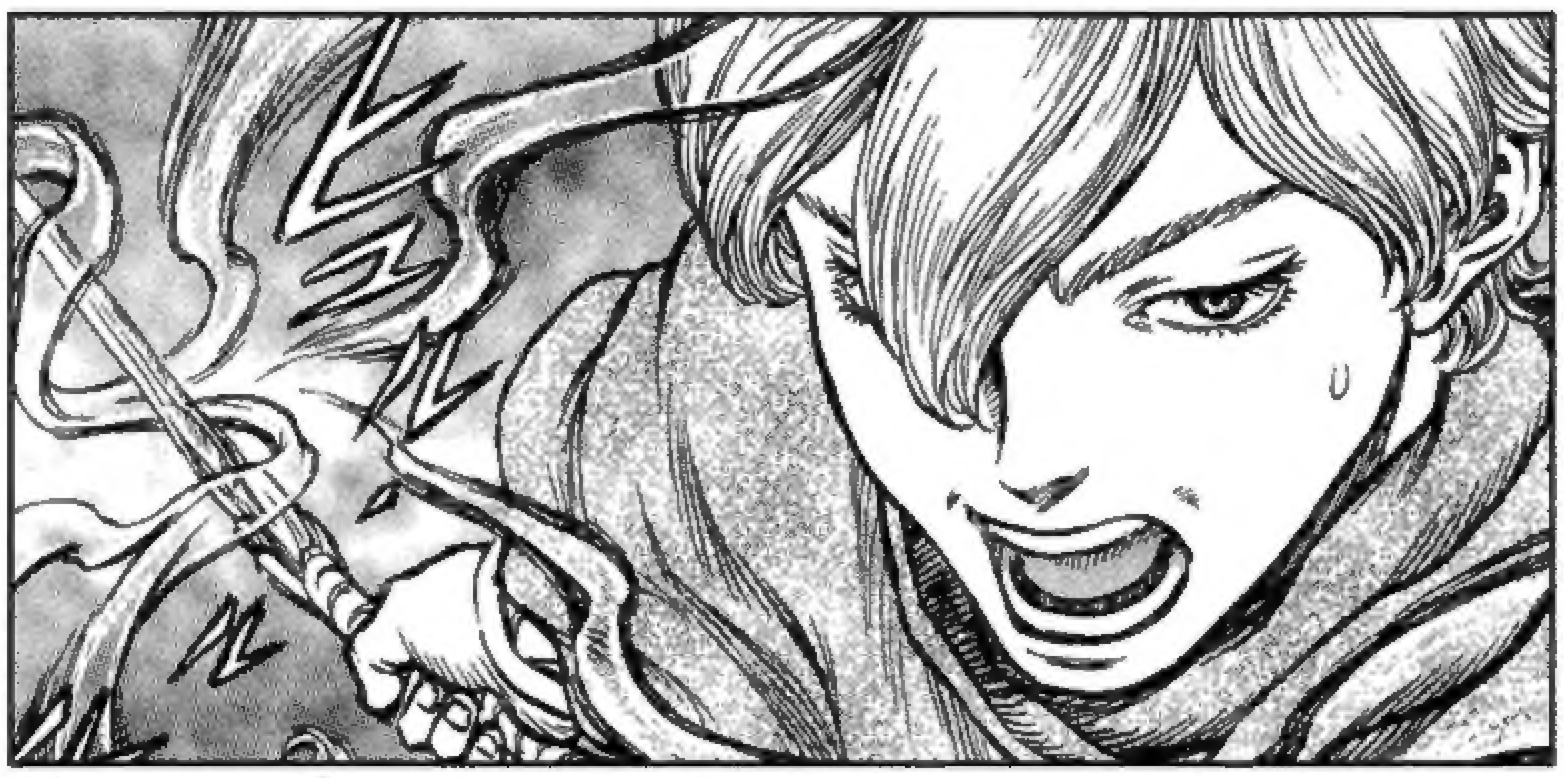
グリフィス *Griffith*

Through the eclipse of the Crimson Behelit, he was reborn as Femto of the Godhand. Later he was incarnated in the imitation eclipse catalyzed by the egg-shaped apostle, thus returning to the physical world, in which he became the "absolute," without equal. He leads the reborn Band of the Hawk.



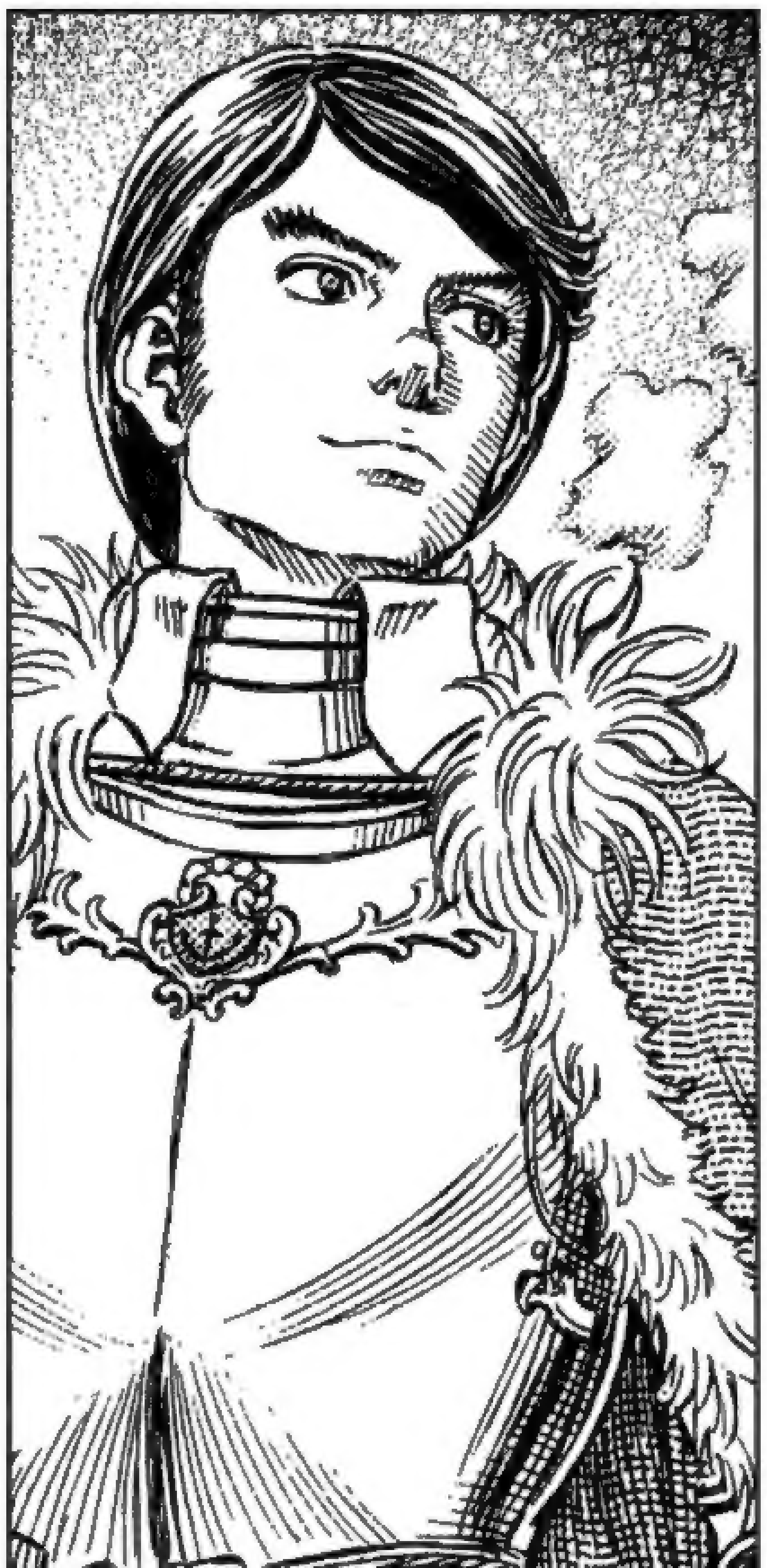
ファルネーゼ *Farnese*

Former commander of the Holy See's Holy Iron Chain Knights, and daughter of the Vandimion family, one of influential status and wealth in the religious sphere. She seeks to learn from Guts her own means of survival, and about the reality of the world.



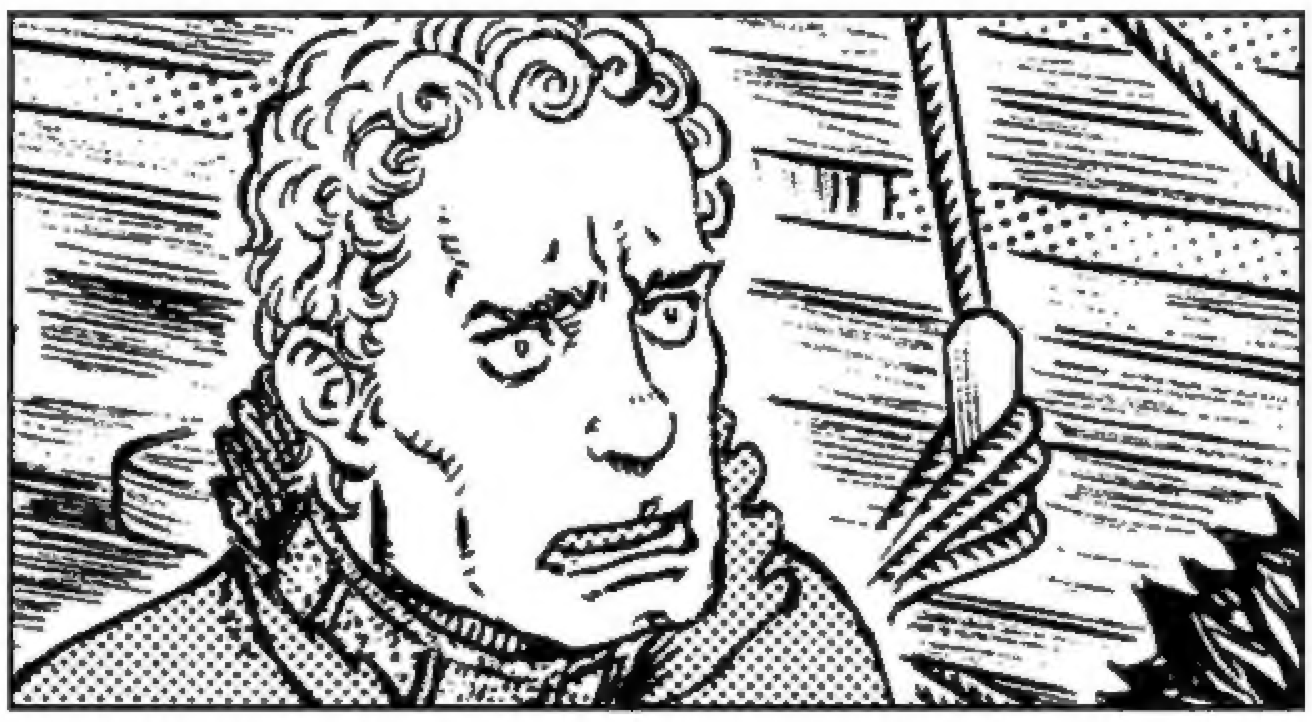
セルピコ *Serpico*

Attendant of Farnese, and actually her brother. However, Farnese is not aware of the blood relationship. He is skilled in fighting, and currently clad in a fetish granted the protection of wind elementals.



ロデリック *Roderick*

Captain of the naval vessel *Seahorse* and third in line to the royal throne of Ith, a maritime power within the domain of the Holy See. He is a friend of Farnese's brother and has become her fiancé. He is currently taking Guts and the others to Skellig Island, where the Elfhelm is located.



マニフィコ *Magnifico*

Third son of the Vandimion family, and Farnese's legitimate brother. He is also a friend of Roderick's. Though he's an ordinary person, the course of events has led him to accompany Guts' group.

The giant demonic beast transformation of Ganishka was put to death by Griffith, and a swing of the Knight of Skeleton's Sword of Actuation turned Ganishka into the source from which sprung a new world. The otherworldly light and wind that emitted from Ganishka engulfed every nook and cranny of the planet. Thus did the world change. This new world was one in which creatures mankind had imagined and spoken of for generations suddenly existed.

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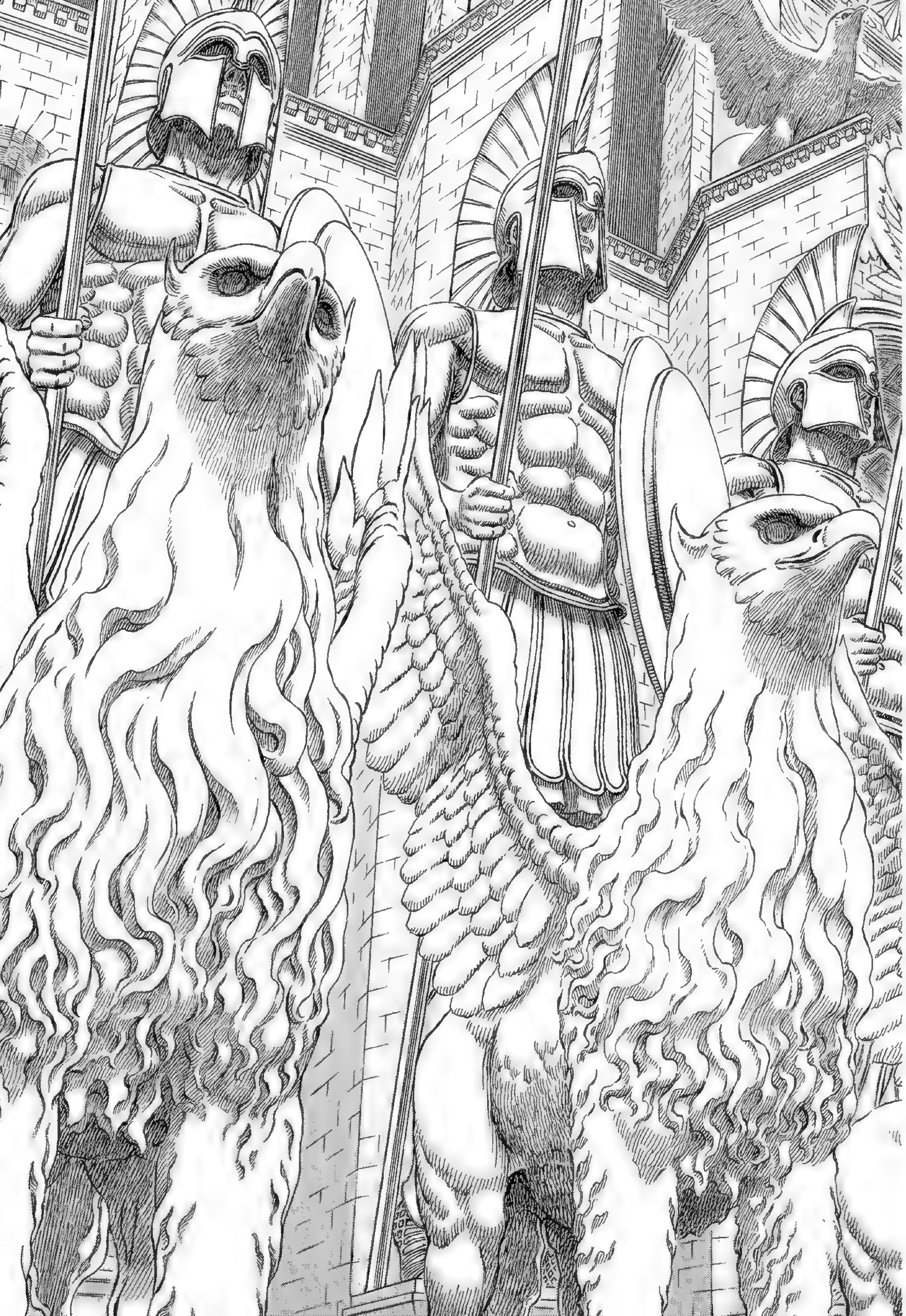
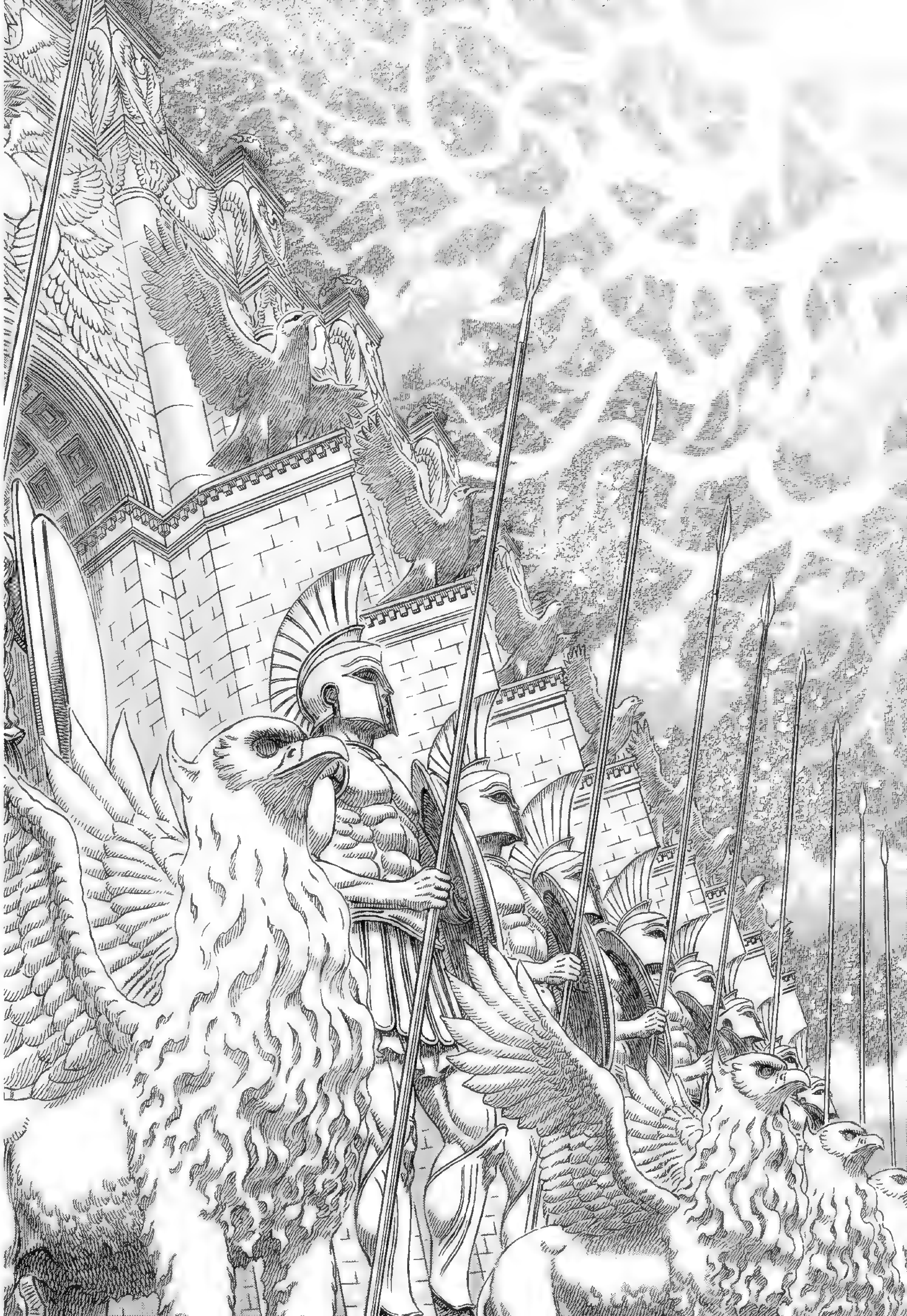
ファルコニア

FALCONIA

LIKE THE NORTHERN TREE OF MYTH, PIERCING THE HEAVENS AND REACHING TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH...
LIKE THE EASTERN TREE OF SUTRA, WHERE THE SAGE MEETS WITH ENLIGHTENMENT...
LIKE THE WESTERN TREE OF RITUAL, SIGNIFYING THE REASON OF ALL CREATION...
AS IF IT WERE THE ORIGIN ROOTED DEEP WITHIN ALL MANKIND.
IT WAS LIKE THE VERY ESSENCE OF "TREE" ITSELF.





IS THAT...
...THE LEGENDARY CITY SAID TO HAVE SUNK DEEP BENEATH WINDHAM...
...SO LONG AGO...?
...NO.
IT'S TOO HUGE...
...TO BE THAT.
MAJESTIC...
IT DOESN'T APPEAR MAN MADE AT ALL...
WELL...
PERHAPS THAT MAKES IT...
...ALL THE MORE APPROPRIATE...
AS IF IT'S THE CAPITAL OF THE NEW WORLD...
...WHERE THE *HAWK* SHALL SIT AND RULE.
IT TRULY IS...
...FALCONIA--CAPITAL OF THE HAWK.
FALCONIA...
FALCONIA.
THE CAPITAL OF THE HAWK.

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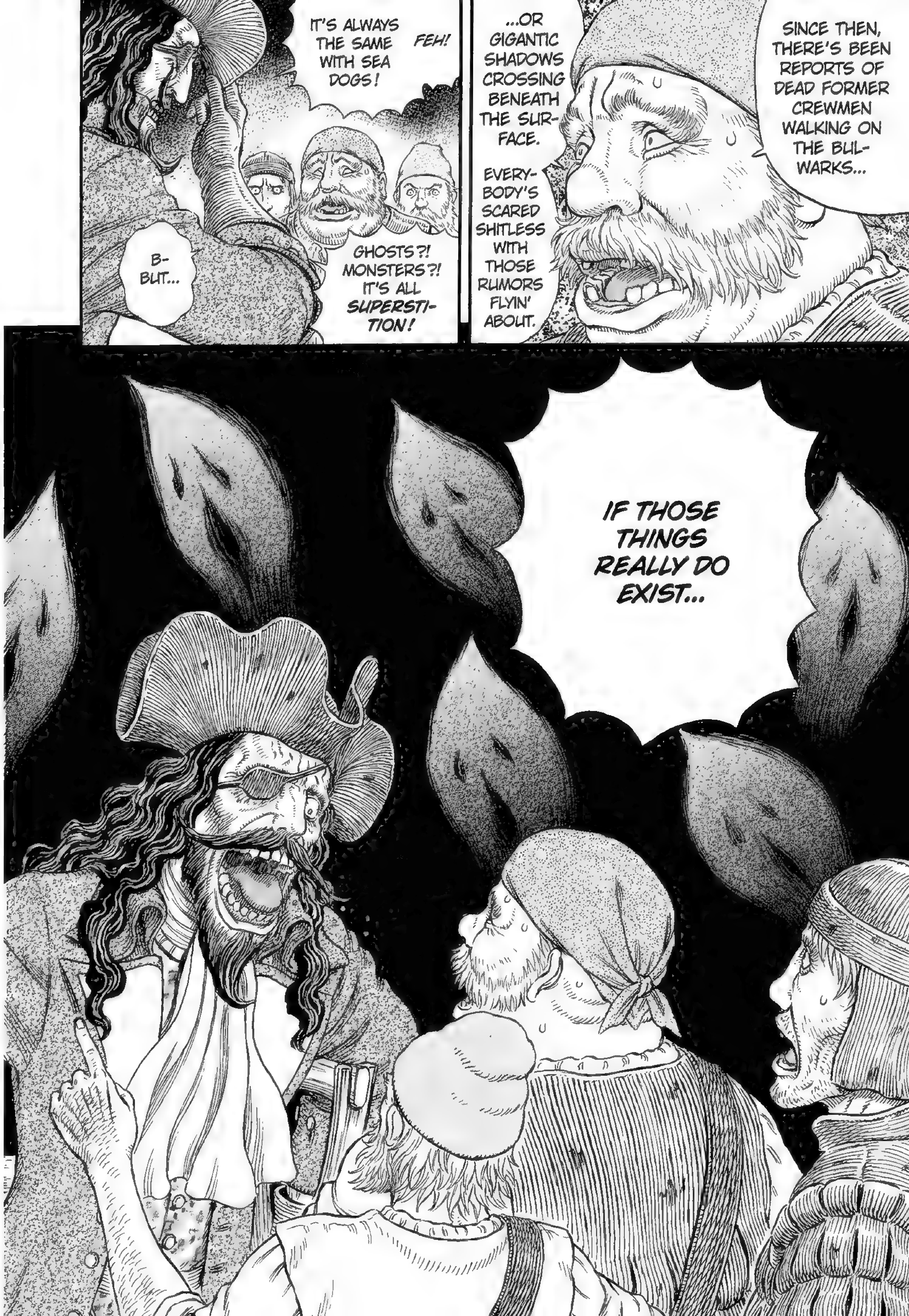
幽霊船①

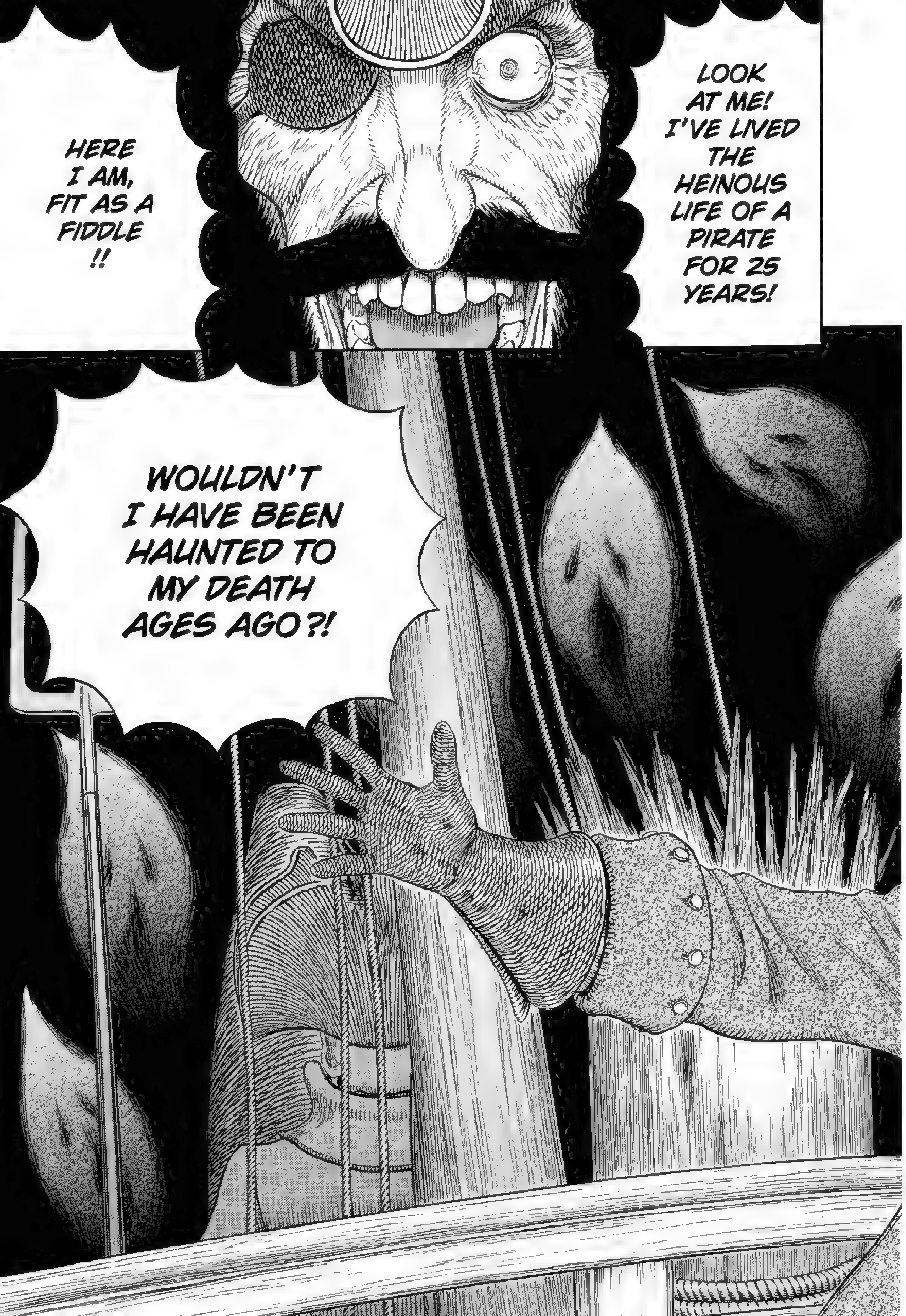
GHOST SHIP, PART 1

NO SIGN OF ANY SHIPS AHEEEAD.
I MEAN, SHE'S ALREADY WAY OVER THE HORIZON.
NEVER MIND CATCHING UP TO HER--IT'S ALL WE CAN DO JUST TO STAY AFLOAT...
IF YOU CAN'T SPOT SOMETHING BY MORNING, YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF PROMOTED TO SHARK BAIT.
YEEEK!...!
BOSS MAN.
ISN'T IT HIGH TIME WE GAVE UP?
WE CAN'T EVEN MAKE HEADWAY IN THESE DEAD-CALM SEAS.
AND WHAT'S WORSE, WE'RE JAM-PACKED WITH THREE SHIPS' WORTH OF CREW. THERE'S NO TELLIN' WHEN WE'LL RUN OUT OF FOOD.
THEY'RE ALL SO WORKED UP, THEY MIGHT EVEN MUTINY...!
AGAH!...!
ガチッ
CHIK

HONESTLY, THAT'D BE A GODSEND. WE COULD USE THE TRAITORS AS *BAIT* TO CATCH SHARKS OR SOMETHING, AND KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.
ガリッ
SCRAPE
VINDICTIVENESS IS WHAT GIVES A PIRATE HIS VIGOR.
WE WON'T GO HUNGRY IF OUR BELLIES'RE FILLED WITH RAGE.

IN THIS BUSINESS, YOU'RE FINISHED ONCE SOMEONE MAKES A FOOL OF YOU.
THAT BLASTED IITHIAN STALLION.
I SWEAR I'LL CHASE HIM TO THE EDGE OF THE WORLD, THEN SEND HIM TO DAVY JONES' LOCKER.
WE'RE ALREADY HALFWAY THERE OURSELVES.
B-BUT BOSS MAN.
WHAT? AIN'T YOU *DONE* YET?
THERE'S BEEN STRANGE RUMORS GOIN' ROUND THE SHIP LATELY...
YOU KNOW! EVER SINCE THAT STRANGE "WIND" BLEW THROUGH...
...AHH.
THAT WIND, EH?
IT'S TRUE.
I'VE BEEN A SAILOR A LONG TIME, BUT NEVER BEFORE HAD I LAID EYES ON THE LIKES OF THAT.
IT FELT LIKE SOMETHIN' BLEW RIGHT THROUGH MY VERY BODY...


SINCE THEN, THERE'S BEEN REPORTS OF DEAD FORMER CREWMEN WALKING ON THE BULWARKS...
...OR GIGANTIC SHADOWS CROSSING BENEATH THE SURFACE.
EVERYBODY'S SCARED SHITLESS WITH THOSE RUMORS FLYIN' ABOUT.
FEH!
IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME WITH SEA DOGS!
GHOSTS?! MONSTERS?! IT'S ALL SUPERSTITION!
B-BUT...
IF THOSE THINGS REALLY DO EXIST...


LOOK AT ME! I'VE LIVED THE HEINOUS LIFE OF A PIRATE FOR 25 YEARS!
HERE I AM, FIT AS A FIDDLE!!
WOULDN'T I HAVE BEEN HAUNTED TO MY DEATH AGES AGO?!

*ZHLLLF
ズズズズ…ズ…
*BLASSSH
ザバァァ
……
*DOOSH
ドド

*CHOMP
ヴシュウウウ…
*VSSHHHH

ザザザザ
*CHSSSSH

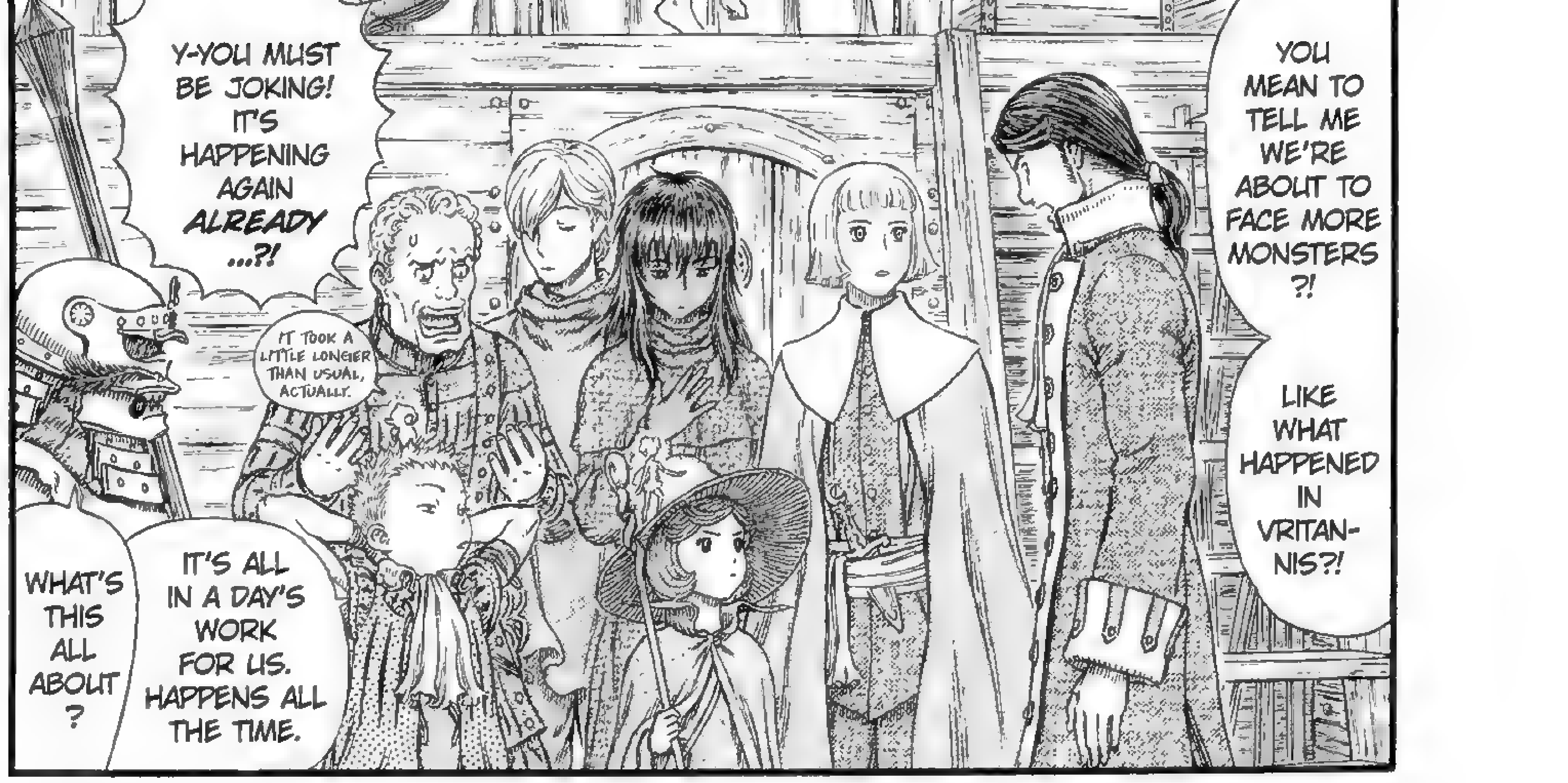
*FLAP パタ
*FLAP パタ
トッ *TNK
COME ON, YOU GUYS, CUT IT OUT!
AWK ?!
YOU'RE GONNA GET IT WHEN SHE COMES BACK.
じゅるっ *SHFF
うーむ *HMM

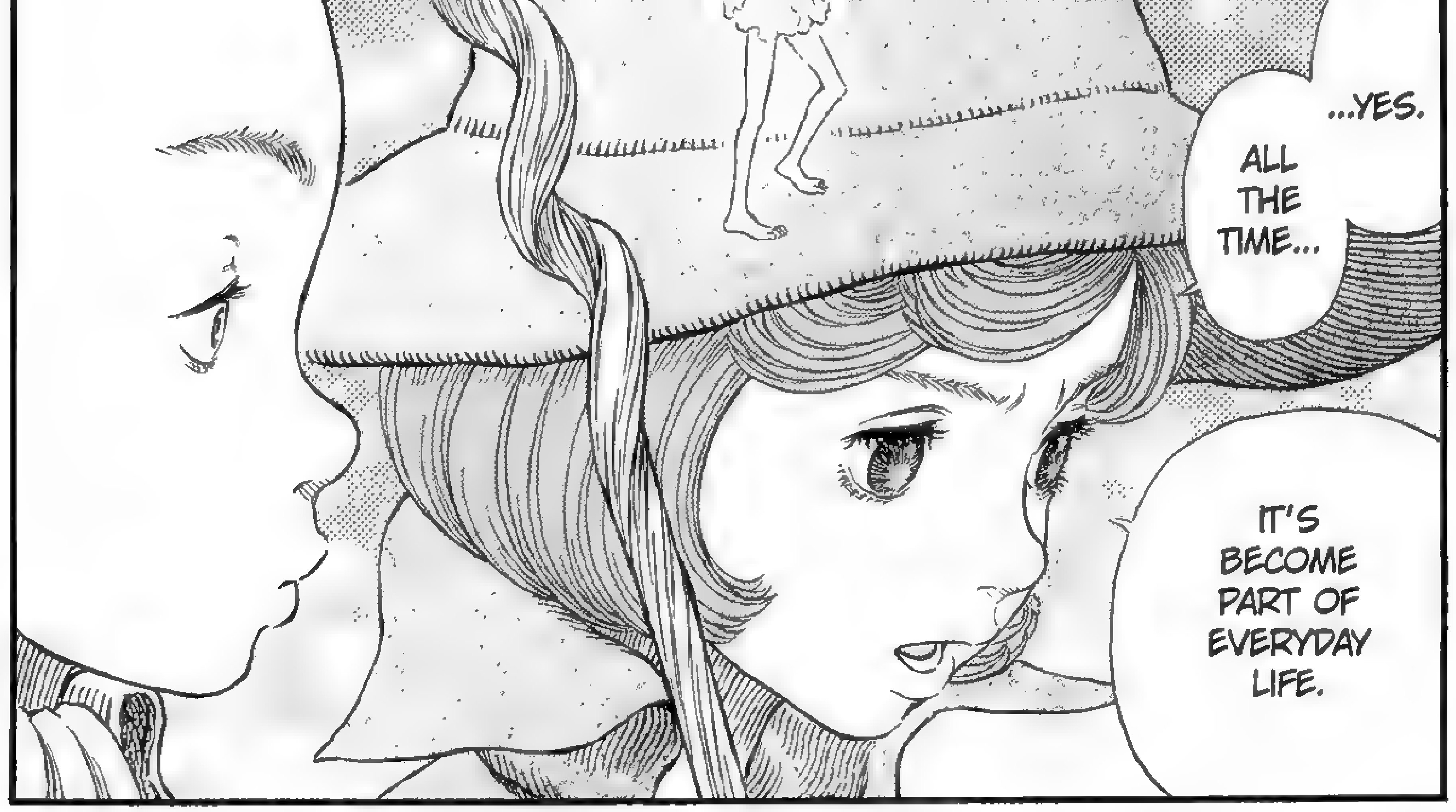
スココココ
*FX: TOK TOK TOK TOK
すたっ
*LAND
くわっ
*RAGE
*FLASH
EXPLAIN YOURSELVES!!!
DON'T MESS AROUND WITH MY OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCES!
VAAALE-RAAA...
HEY, THEY SNUCK IN WHILE I WAS TAKIN' A QUICK NAP.
*PBBT
I NEVER GUESSED IT'D BE THIS FUN...
I MEAN, THIS *TRAGIC.*
IT WAS JUST SO EASY... I *HAD* TO...
パリ
*SNAP
パリ
*CRACKLE
THE ARTISTIC MUSE MADE US DO IT...
ブスブス
*SMOLDER
MIS-TRESS, HAVE YOU RE-TURNED?
ガチャ
*GCHAK
ひっ
*FX: EEK!
DON'T OPEN THAT!!

......
OH, MY.
IS THIS A RITUAL FOR A NEW SPELL?
PLEASE TEACH ME HOW TO DO IT TOO!
OH, NEVER MIND.
THOSE CHARRED THINGS MUST BE SACRIFICES. ♡
MASTER-PIECE!
*FX: PBBBBT
...THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
I HAVE SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT I MUST TELL EVERYONE...
*FWEEEEE
!
*THUNK
*THUNK
*THUNK
...AM I TOO LATE?!

SURE ENOUGH, IT'S THE PIRATE SHIP THAT SURVIVED OUR BATTLE.
THEY SURE ARE A TENACIOUS BUNCH.
HOW CAN THIS BE, THOUGH?
THEY'RE GAINING ON THE *SEA HORSE* IN THAT HEAVILY DAMAGED CARRACK.
WHAT TRICK ARE THEY USING...?
WELL, ANYWAY ...
ALL HANDS TO BATTLE STATIONS!!

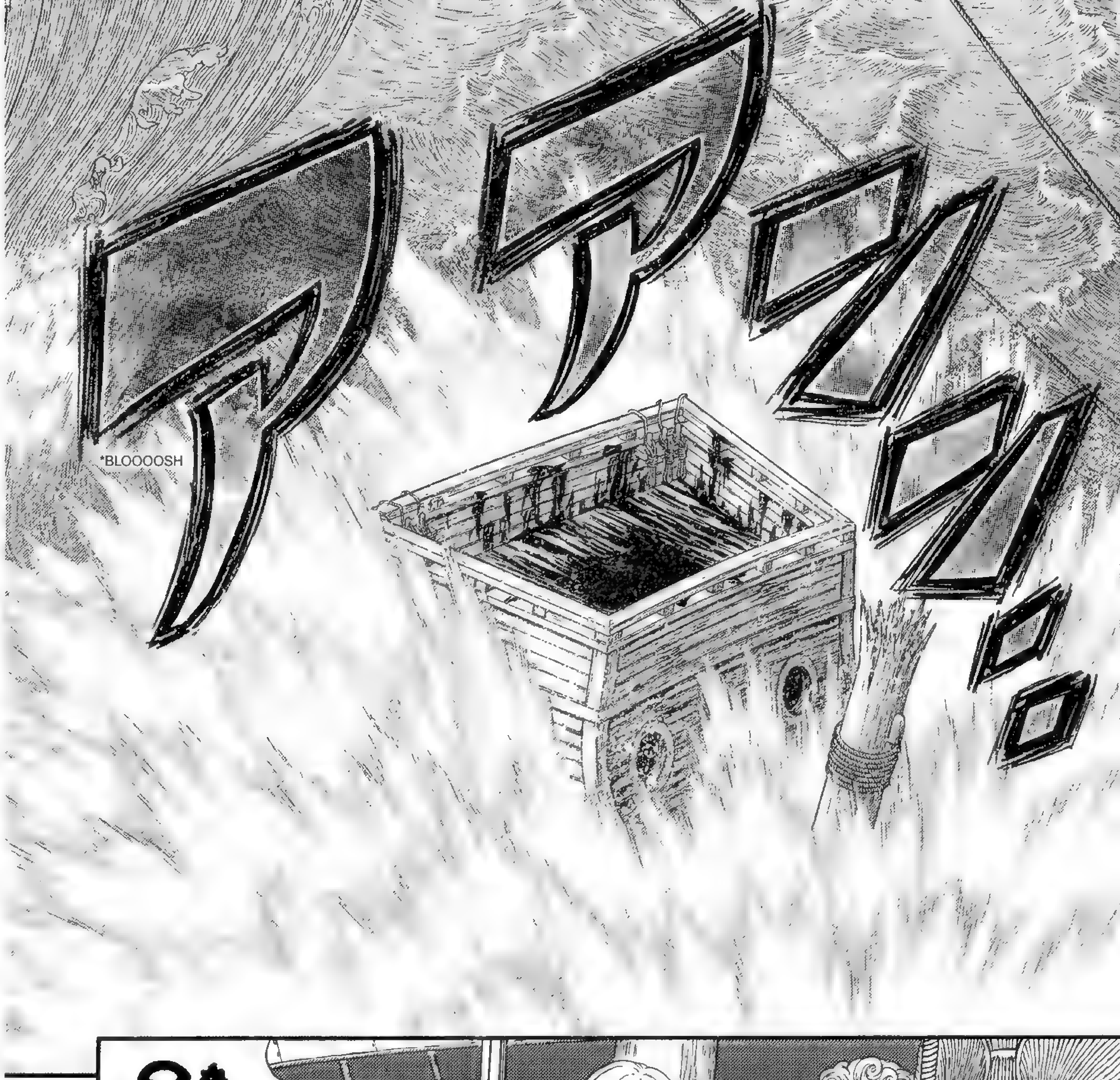
RODER-ICK.
WHOA! PIRATES AGAIN?!
NO MORE ROCKING THE BOAT!
SORRY, BUT I'M BUSY AT THE MOMENT. YOU GUESTS SHOULD RETURN TO THE HOLD...
YES, BUT...
I MUST TELL YOU SOMETHING IMPORTANT.
IT'S ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE DRAWING NEAR TO THIS SHIP...
*FX OOO...
?
THEY ARE...
...SOMETHING OTHER THAN HUMAN.


YOU MEAN TO TELL ME WE'RE ABOUT TO FACE MORE MONSTERS?!
LIKE WHAT HAPPENED IN VRITANNIS?!
Y-YOU MUST BE JOKING! IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN *ALREADY*...?!
IT TOOK A LITTLE LONGER THAN USUAL, ACTUALLY.
IT'S ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR US. HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?


...YES.
ALL THE TIME...
IT'S BECOME PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE.

EVER SINCE THAT DAY...
...WHEN THAT "WIND" BLEW THROUGH...
...THAT'S HOW IT'S BECOME...
NOT JUST FOR US, BUT FOR ALL PEOPLE...
ANYWAY...
...THEY'LL LEARN NOT TO UNDERESTIMATE ME.
BRING US ABOUT...
TO PORT!!
OPEN ALL PORT-SIDE GUN PORTS!!
FIRE A CONTINUOUS VOLLEY FROM MAXIMUM RANGE! DON'T LET HER GET CLOSE!!

ドドドッ
*BOOM
*BOOM
*BOOM
ゴッ
*WHOM
ググッ
*SINK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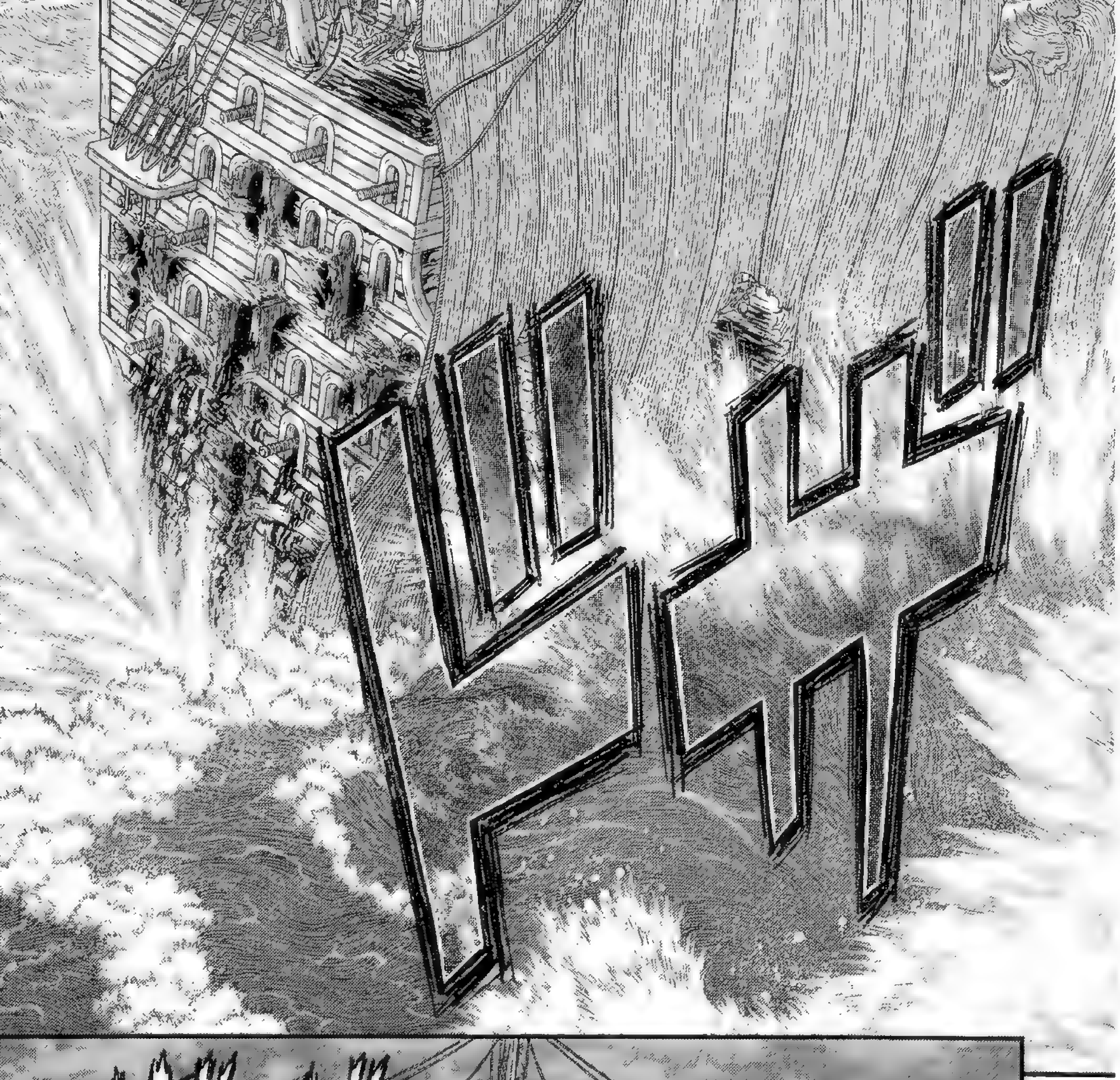

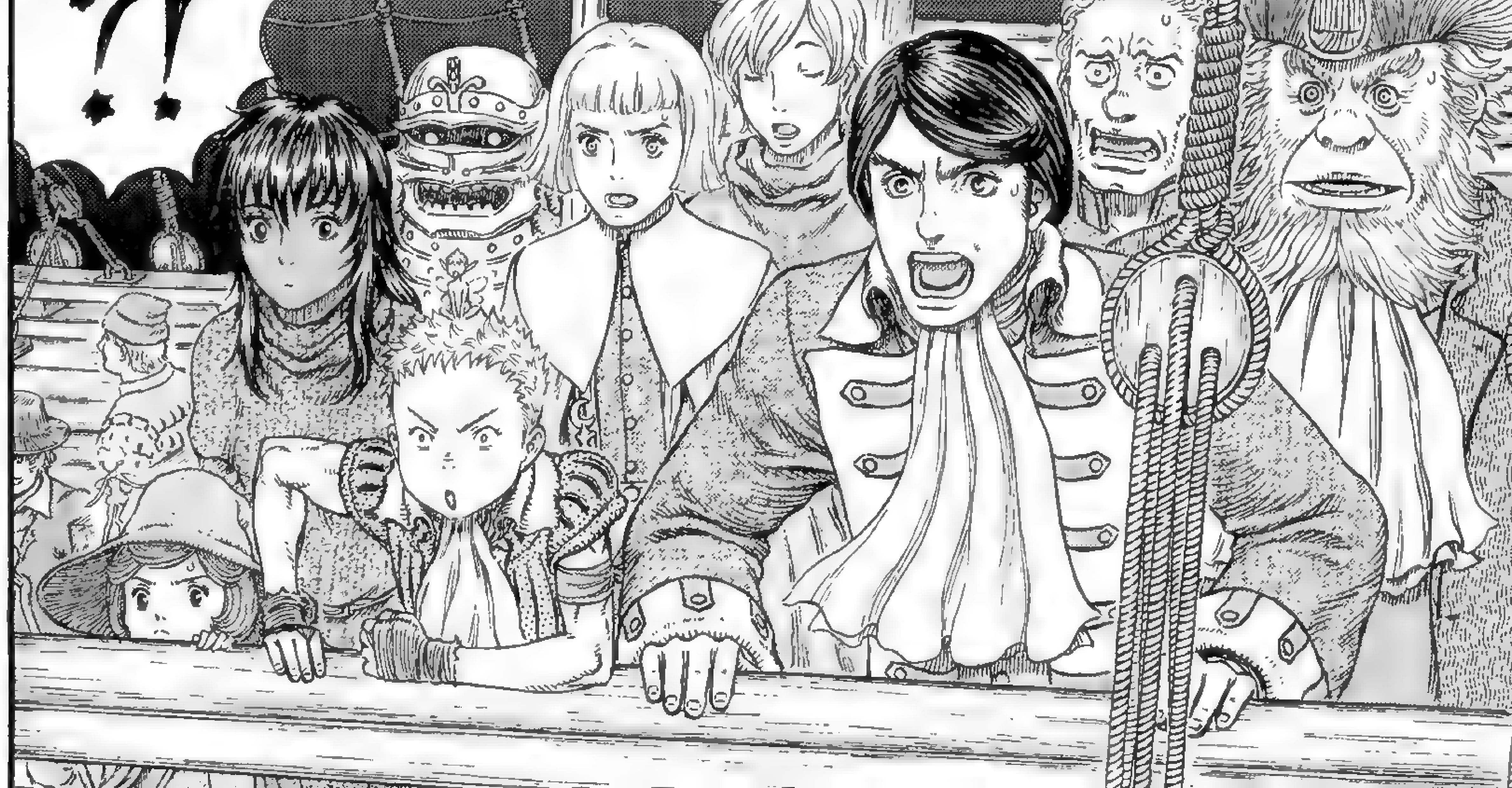
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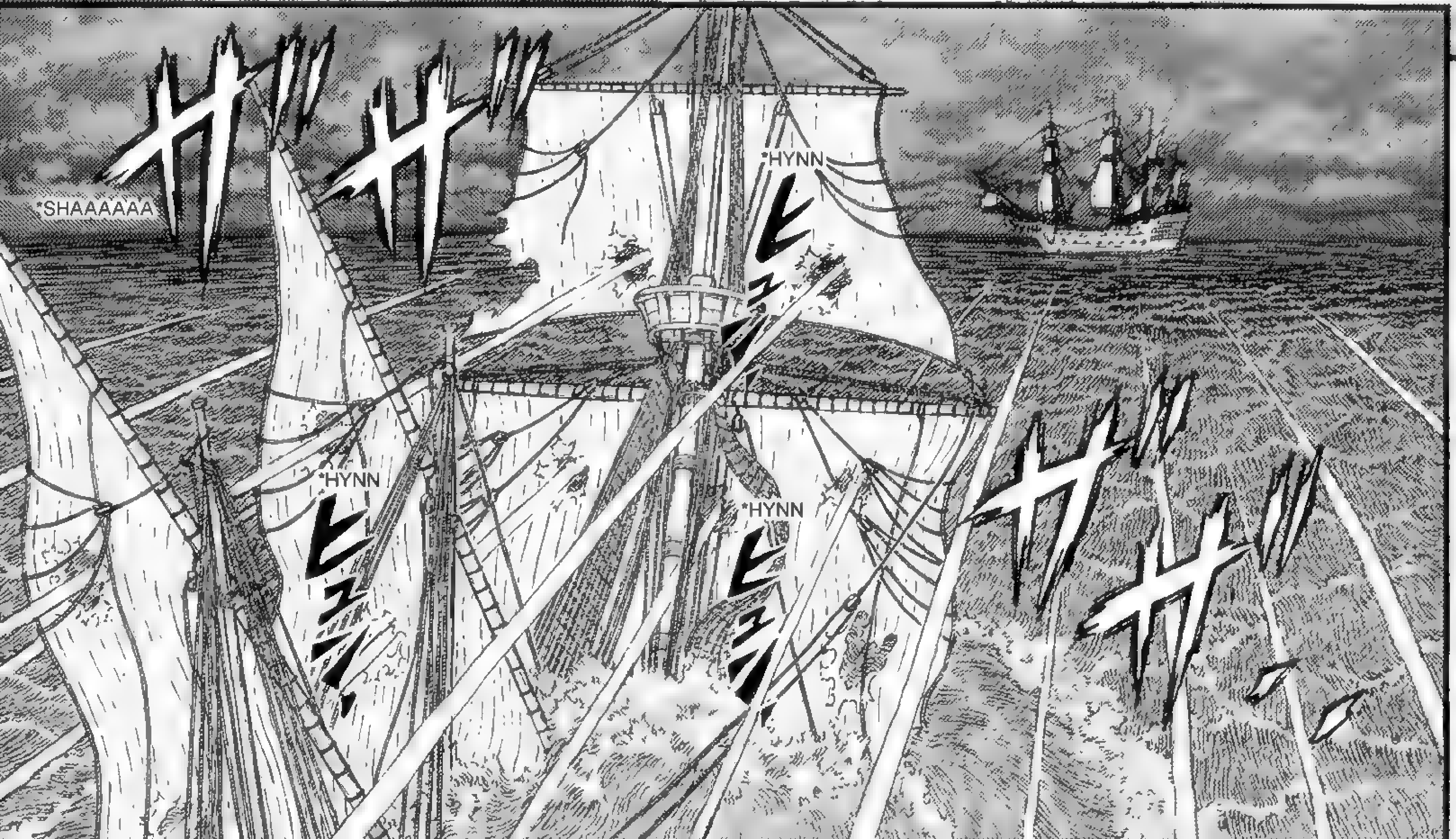
ザ" ザ"
*SHAAAAAA
*HYNN
ヒュン
*HYNN
ヒュン
*HYNN
ヒュン
ザ" ザ"

DID YOU SINK HER?!
NO!
THE DAMN THING DOVE TO AVOID THE SHOTS!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT AIN'T A FISH!
YOU'RE RIGHT, THOSE AREN'T PEOPLE ABOARD THAT SHIP.
IT'S LIKE SOME KIND OF LEGEND...
ゴウウ…
*OMMM
A GHOST SHIP.

SORRY, BUT I MIGHT NEED YOUR HELP WITH THIS BATTLE AFTER ALL.
*STRETCH
SWEET! WE FINALLY GET A TURN ?!
LEAVE IT TO US! YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS!
*WHAP
AWW, WHAT A PAIN
DEPENDING ON WHAT HAPPENS...
...WE MIGHT NEED OUR GUEST IN THE CABIN, TOO...
ガチャ
*CHAK

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幽霊船②

GHOST SHIP, PART 2

*ZHM
*ZHM
*ZHM
*OOOOSH

THE ENEMY SHIP IS SURFACING TOWARDS THE *SEA HORSE*!!
OH, NO!! THEY'RE TRYING TO CAPSIZE US FROM BELOW!!
STARBOARD THE HELM!!
QUICKLY!!
*FX: CLATA CLATA
*GREEEEE
*TILT
*BLOOOOSH

*WHAMMM
キャアア..
*EEEEK
がしっ
*GRAB
ゴイン。
*CLONG
べしっ。
*WHUMP
*WHAP WHAP
パンパン
CRUSH-ED
SUFFO-CATED
ALL HANDS, PREPARE FOR HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT!!

ガシャアア
*GSHANNNG
ザザ
ザザ
*SHAAAAA

WHY AREN'T THEY ATTACKING?
IS THERE NOBODY ONBOARD?
PLEASE, DON'T ROCK THE BOAT ANYMORE!
BE CAREFUL.
I SENSE...
...A WICKED OD.
IT'S AS IF THAT SHIP ITSELF IS SOME KIND OF DARK CREATURE...
YO HO HO
THERE BE A SHARP LASS!
!

WE MEET AT LAST...
YOUR LORDSHIP RODERICK, THE SAILING PRINCE OF IITH.
WE ARE THE BONEBEARD PIRATE CLAN.
I'M CAPTAIN BONEBEARD...
...OF THIS HERE CAPTAIN SHARKRIDER.
PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.

AHHH!
OHH!
WE SAW HIM AT THE HARBOR IN VRITANNIS!
AH!
DO YOU KNOW HIM?
MAYBE ?
IT'S THE DROWNING PIRATE I SANK!
AVAST! NOBODY'S ALLOWED TO SAY THAT! ...
SOME OF YOU LOOK FAMILIAR...
AHHH!!
NOW I REMEMBER YOU LOT...!
HI THERE.
OF ALL PEOPLE, IT HAD TO BE YOU AGAIN?! YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHEN ALL THIS BAD LUCK STARTED. WE HAD QUIT PIRATING AND WERE WORKING HARD TO DO SOME HONEST BUSINESS, THEN YOU PILFERED OUR PRECIOUS CARGO...!
WITH TEARS IN OUR EYES, WE WENT BACK TO PIRATING, AND NOW TWO OF OUR PRIZED SHIPS HAVE SUNK...! EVERYTHING WAS GRAND UNTIL YOU MEDDLING KIDS ROBBED US OF OUR VERY WILL TO WORK!
がじ GNAW がじ GNAW
SHOULD A GROWNUP BE COMPLAININ' TO A KID?! THAT'S PATHETIC!
WHAT IS THAT, A PIRATE SHIP OR A CRAB SHIP?!
WORKERS AIN'T WINNERS, THAT'S WHAT I SAY!
I BET THEY'RE ALL LONELY INCOMPETENT BUMS. IT'S SAD...
...
EVIL NEVER TRIUMPHS, IN THE END!!

...WE RETIRED FROM THE BEIN' *HUMAN* BUSINESS, TOO.
IT DON'T END THERE, THOUGH.
TO TOP IT ALL OFF...
*DOOOOSH
?!

KSSSSH
MON-STERS ...!
DEVILS OF THE DEEP...!!

THE SEA'S CRAZY!!
I HAD A FEELING SOMETHIN' WAS COMIN', BUT *LOOK* AT THOSE THINGS!!
NOW WE'RE TALKIN'
WHAT ARE THOSE ...?!
UGH, SLIMY.
TH-THEY'RE REALLY HERE!!
HMMM! NO ONE TRULY KNOWS WHAT LIES IN THE OCEAN DEPTHS!
THESE ARE OUR NEW BRETHREN.
YARRR. WE MAY NOT BE HUMAN ANYMORE...
...BUT IT TURNS OUT PIRATES AND MONSTERS KIND OF SEE EYE TO EYE!
NEITHER OF US CAN EVER SNAG ENOUGH PREY!

*SWOOP
ガブッ
*CHOMP
グワッ
*YANK
ゴキュ。
*GULP
ゴキュ
*GULP

EAT UP, ME HEART-IES!

FX. AUGHHHH
REMAIN CALM!!
KEEP YOUR MORALE STEADY !!

NO! THEY'RE IN A COMPLETE PANIC!
MEN OF THE SEA SURE ARE A LETDOWN!
I IMAGINE THEY ARE. YOU COULD SAIL ALL OVER THE WORLD AND NEVER ENCOUNTER SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
GHASTLY THINGS!!
IT TAKES REAL COMBAT TO UP YOUR SKILLS!
AND WE NEEDED SOME!
ANYWAY, WE'D BETTER REGROUP FAST!
IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME... TO FIGHT OFF THIS MANY!
*FX: GREE
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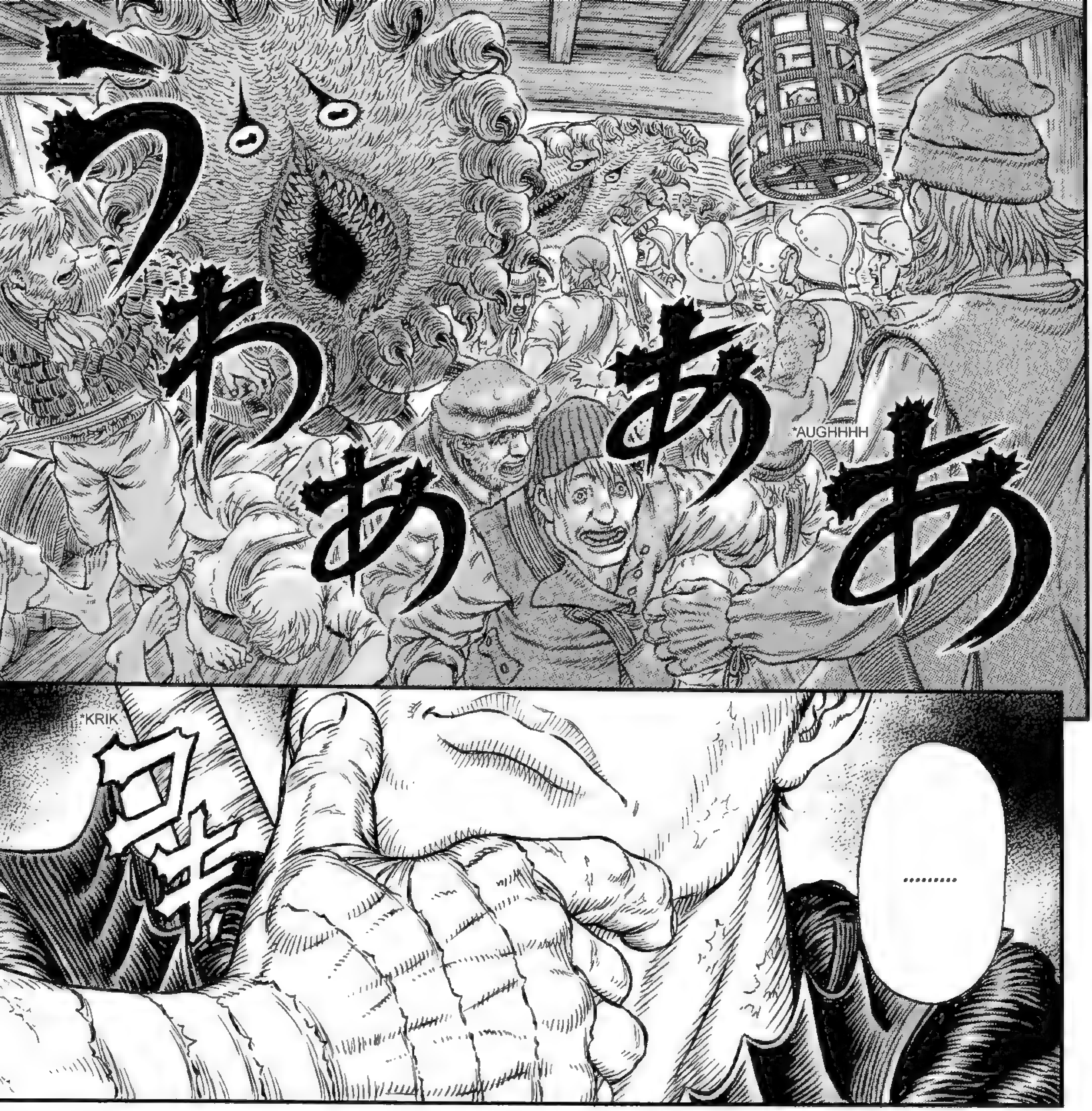
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*AUGHHHH
ワキ
*KRIK
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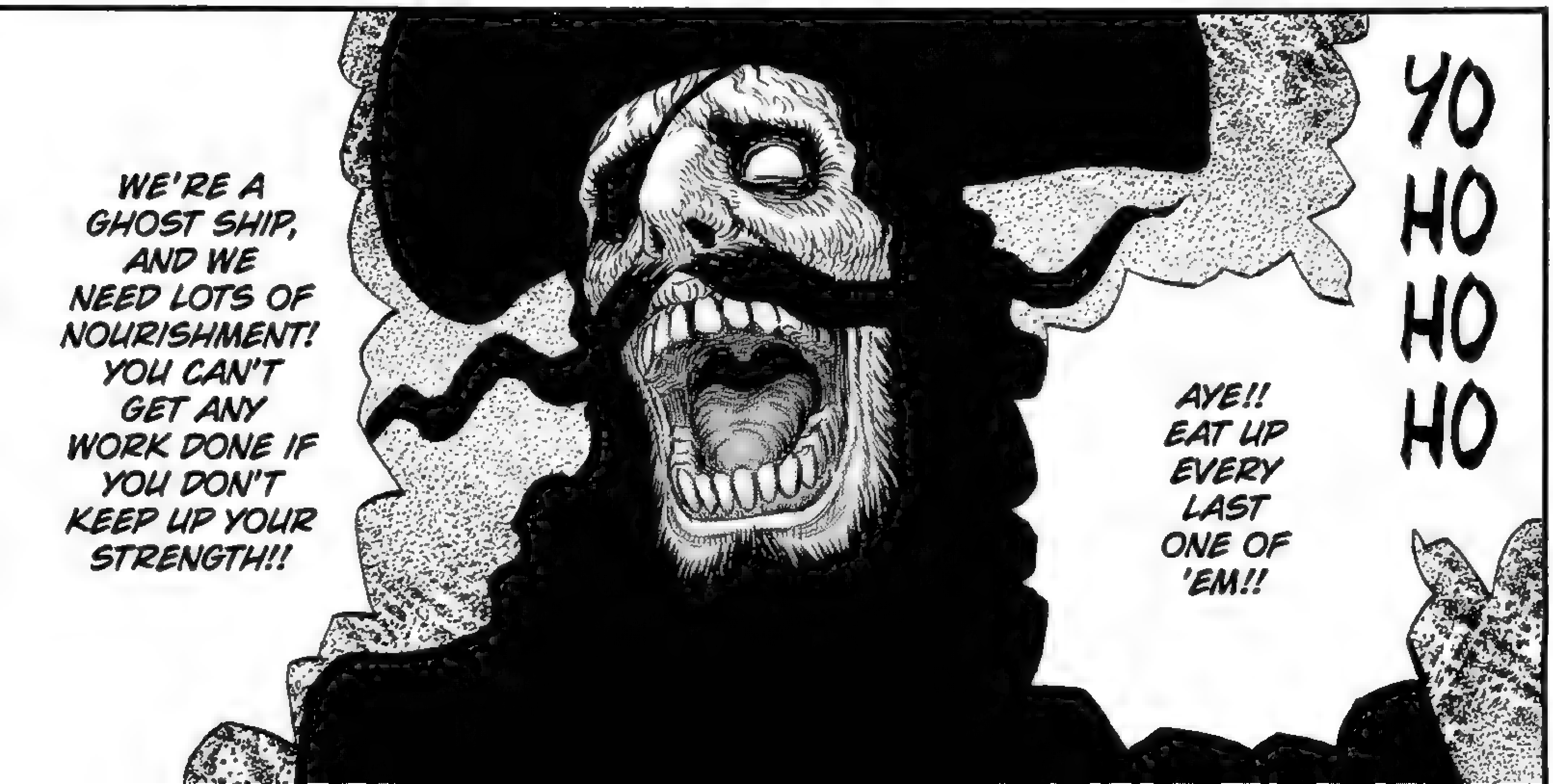
YO HO HO HO HO
AYE!! EAT UP EVERY LAST ONE OF 'EM!!
WE'RE A GHOST SHIP, AND WE NEED LOTS OF NOURISHMENT! YOU CAN'T GET ANY WORK DONE IF YOU DON'T KEEP UP YOUR STRENGTH!!

CHONK
?!

*SHLLLAP
*FLAIL
*FLAIL
I AGREE.
*FLUTTA
FIRST YOU NEED STRENGTH, TO WORK.
AND YOU NEED FOOD FOR CONVALESCENCE.
*WHAM
Y'KNOW WHAT ...?
I'M STARVING.

TELL ME...
ARE THESE THINGS *EDIBLE?*
*GULCH

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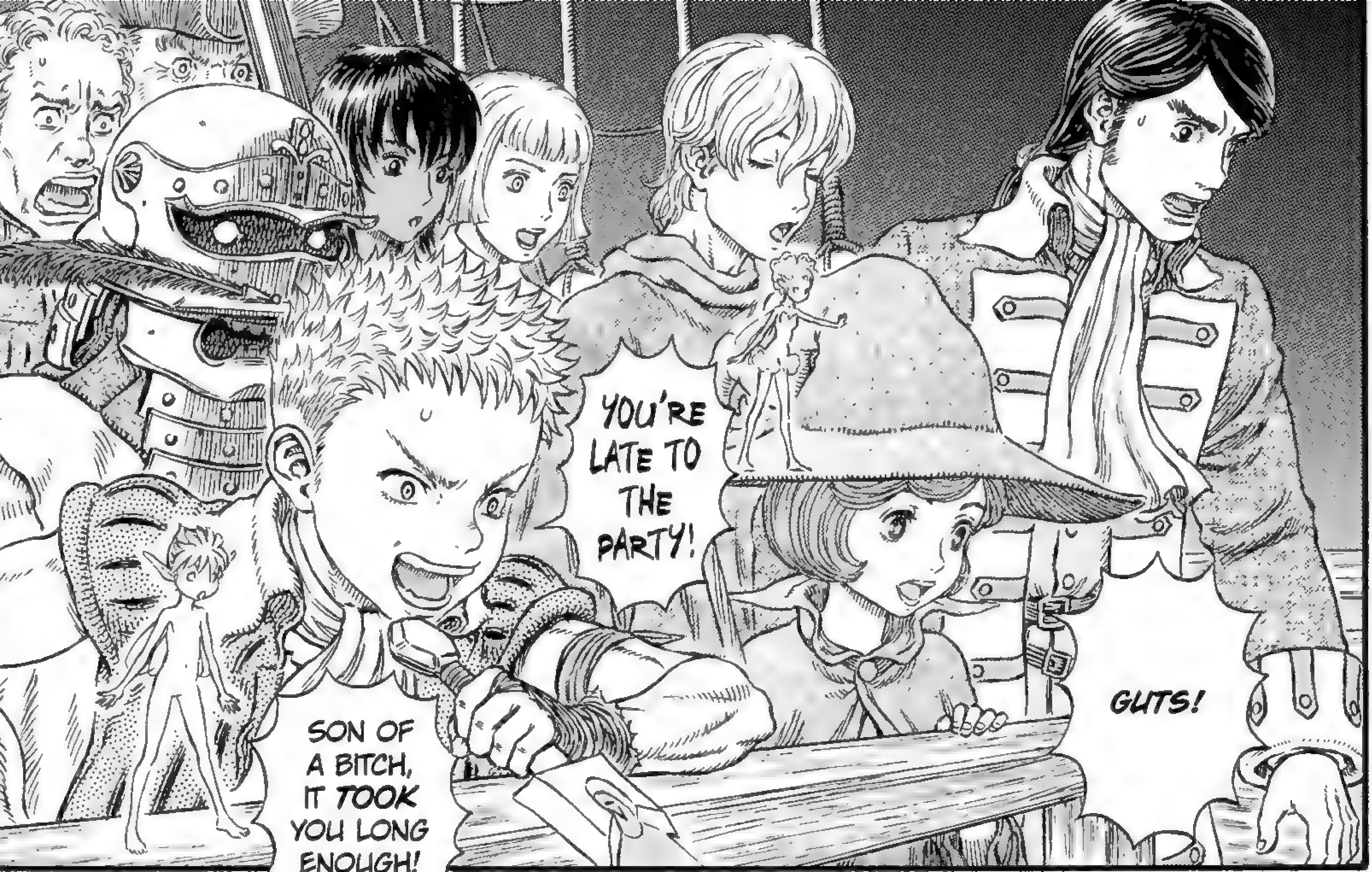
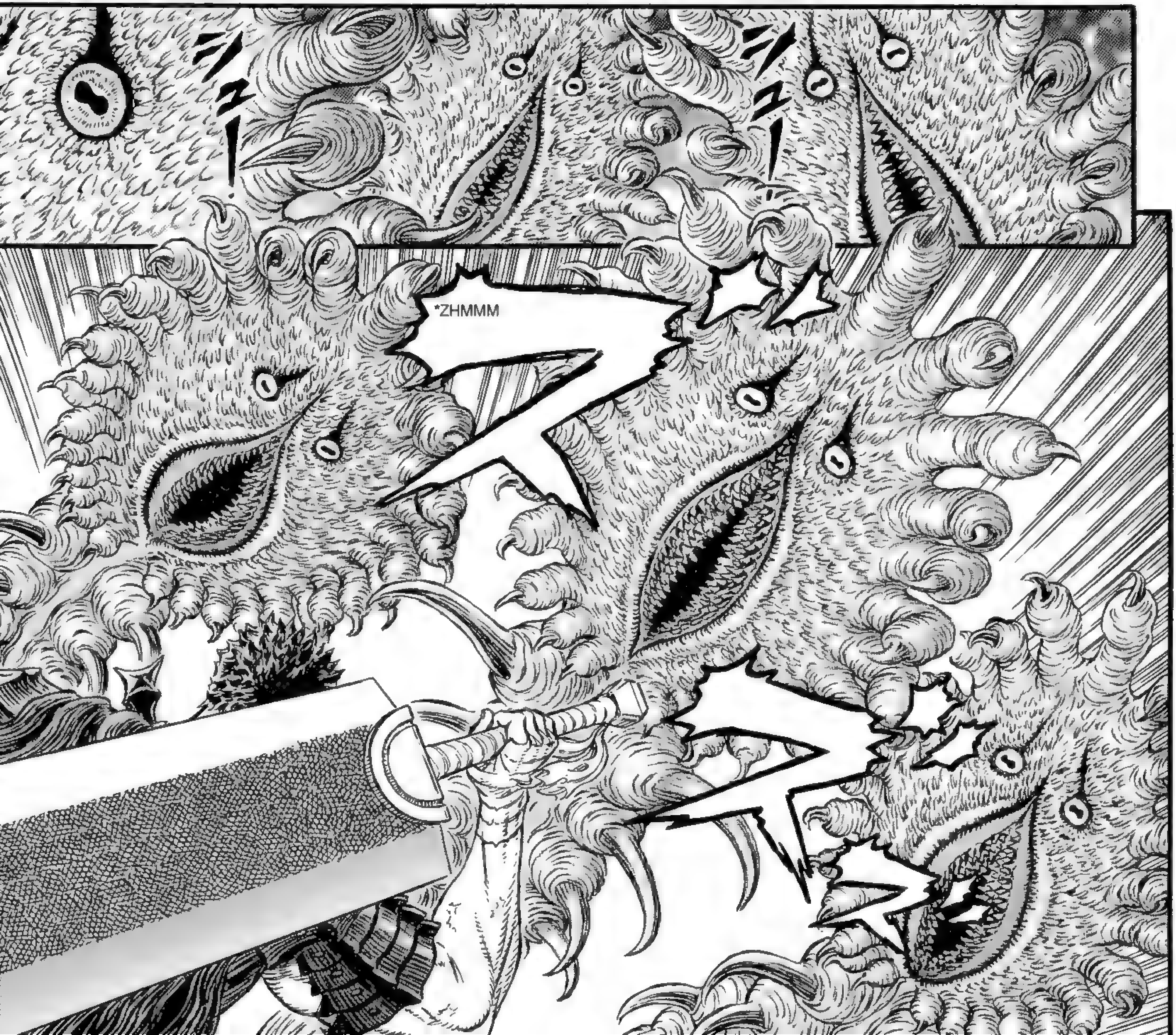
GHOST SHIP, PART 3


GUTS!
YOU'RE LATE TO THE PARTY!
SON OF A BITCH, IT *TOOK* YOU LONG ENOUGH!

*FX: SSSS

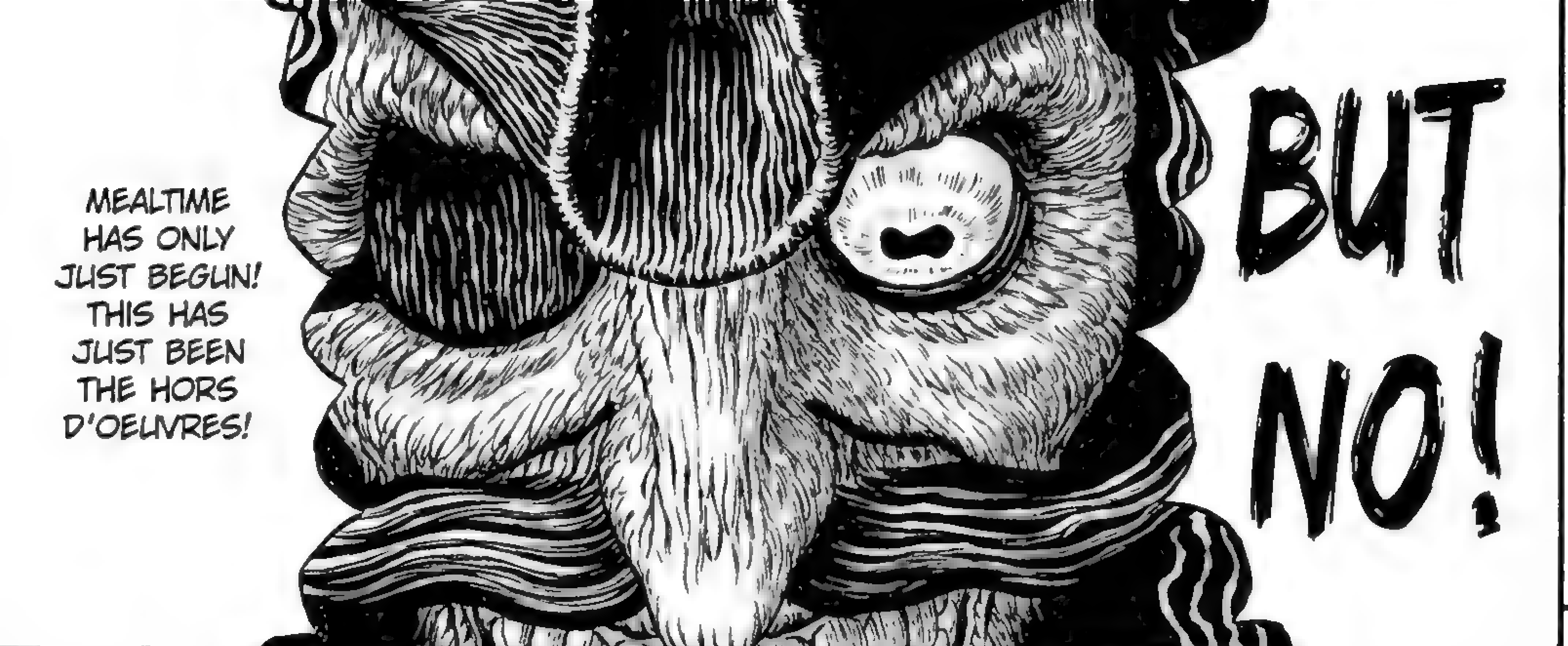
*FX: SSSS

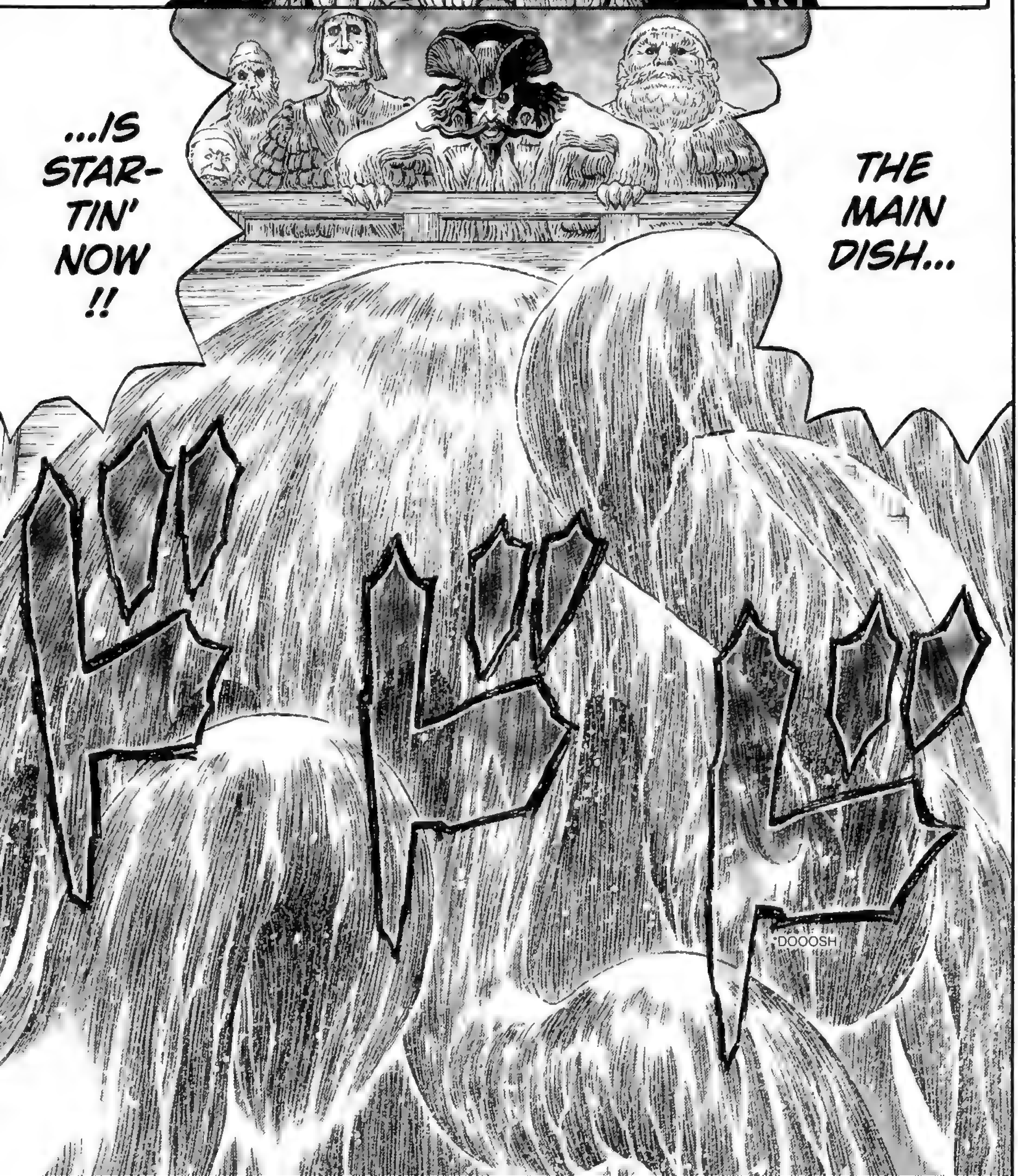


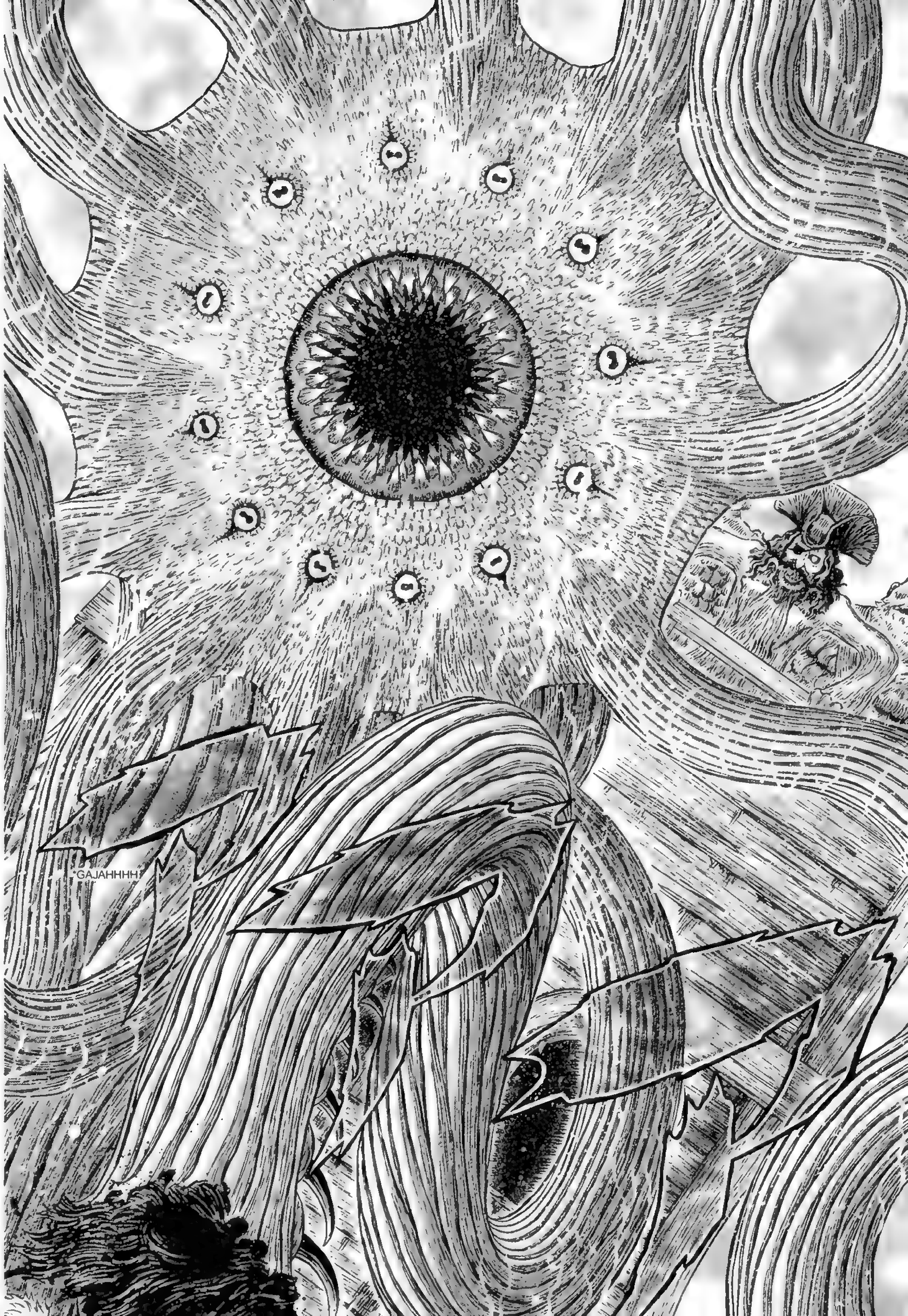
*VSHHHH
*FLAIL
*FLAIL
*YEEEE
*FWAP
*SHLAP
*FX: KRRNK
SORRY.
*KRAKT
IT'S MORE CRAMPED OUT HERE THAN I THOUGHT.

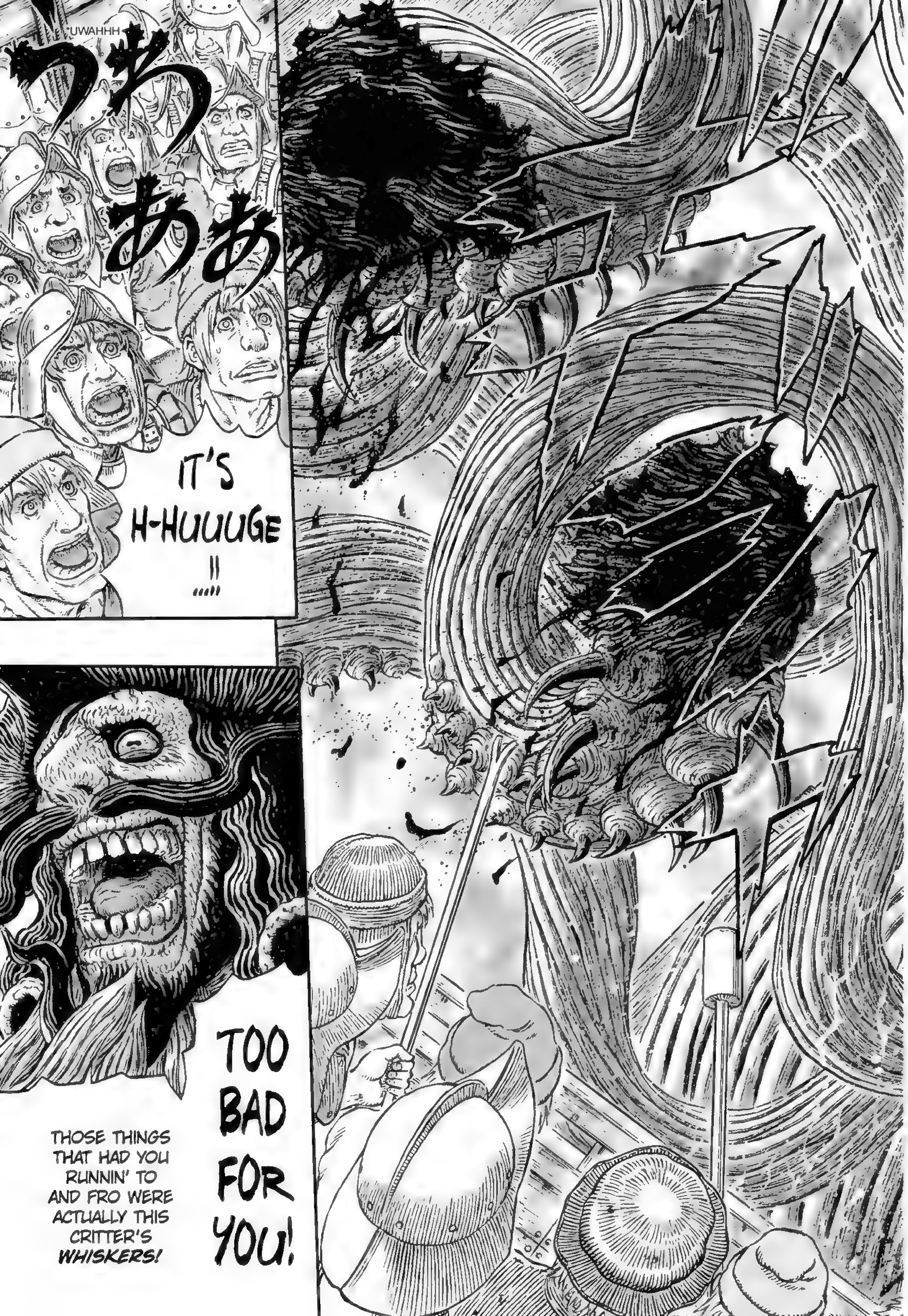
AND I'M ONLY HALF-AWAKE.
ガチャ
*CHAK
I MIGHT END UP BUSTING UP THIS SHIP.
SH-SHIVER ME TIMBERS!
HOW'S HIS SWORD SO *HUGE*?!
WHO'S *THIS* DOG?!
W-WOW!
HE KILLED SIX MONSTERS WITH ONLY TWO SWINGS ...!!
HEY!
WHOEVER DOESN'T WANNA DIE BETTER HIT THE DECK!

うわあああ…!
*AUGHHH
ドサ。
*THUD
ドサ。
*THUD
ドサ。
*THUD
LOOK HOW EASILY HE SWINGS THAT FREAKISHLY HUGE SWORD …!
HE HACKED THOSE MONSTERS UP IN NO TIME!
HE'S LIKE A WATER-SPOUT!
IS THAT REALLY THAT SAME GUY WHO WAS NEARLY SCORCHED TO DEATH?!
IF HE'S STILL RECOVERING, THEN YOUR BOSS REALLY IS INCREDIBLE.
…YOU KNOW HE IS!!
TO SLAY THE MONSTERS AND SAVE THE PEOPLE TRULY IS CHIVALROUS.
JUST DON'T MAKE THOSE THINGS TONIGHT'S DINNER, ALRIGHT?
HE HAD LOTSA STRESS BUILT UP, AND NOT ENOUGH SHOW TIME.
GROOOO
THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE OUR MEAL. WHAT A SAD JOKE IT'D BE IF THEY ATE US.


BUT NO!
MEALTIME HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN! THIS HAS JUST BEEN THE HORS D'OEUVRES!


THE MAIN DISH...
...IS STARTIN' NOW!!
*DOOOSH


GAJAHHHH


UWAHHH
うわあああ
IT'S H-HUUUGE !! ...!!
TOO BAD FOR YOU!
THOSE THINGS THAT HAD YOU RUNNIN' TO AND FRO WERE ACTUALLY THIS CRITTER'S *WHISKERS!*

TAKE THIS!
*LUNGE
HE'S MAD ABOUT LOSIN' THOSE WHISKERS HE LOVED!!
*CHIK
ガチ
*BWOOM
*VSHAP

*SPIN
*SHAAF

キシャァァァ
*FX: GSSHHHH
ドドザザン
*BLOOOSH
ウワァァァァ
*FX: RAHHHH
NICE ...!
HE UTILIZED THE CANNON'S RECOIL ...!
AWESOME!! CANNON SPIN SLASH!!
OHH! A SPECIAL TECHNIQUE, EH?!

LOOKS LIKE NOTHING'S GOTTEN RUSTY FROM THE SEA BREEZE.
*CHING

N-NOT BAD AT ALL!
BUT NO...! BUT NOOO!!
I THINK WE'VE GOTTEN USED TO BEING BEATEN.
WE STILL HAVE A...
TOO LATE.
WHAT?!
THESE GUYS ARE COMBAT PROS, *TOO.*
*GSHANNNG

WE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO REGROUP, THANKS TO YOU.
THE CANNONS ON THE UPPER GUN DECK CAN'T ACHIEVE THE PROPER ANGLE OF FIRE!!
ALL GUNS ON THE MID AND LOWER DECKS, AIM DIRECTLY AHEAD!!

FIRE!!
BDASSSSH

BERSERK

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孤島

SOLITARY ISLAND

*BOOM
*BOOM
*BOOM
*KRASSSH

WOOO!
SEA COMBAT SURE IS THE BOMB!!
BWOW!
FIRST I'M SEASICK, NOW I'M DEAF?!
QUIT IT!
YARGH!!
DON'T BUST UP MY ALREADY BUSTED SHIP...!!
*OOOOSH
LASHIN' THE DEAD, *THAT'S* WHAT YOU'RE DOIN'! I'LL *HAUNT* YOU!!
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR IN THE FIRST PLACE?
!
*SHIFT

DYAH HAH HAH... YOU GODDAMN FOOLS!!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GONE AND MADE HIM MAD FOR REAL NOW!!
NOW YOUR LIVES ARE NOTHIN' MORE THAN CANDLES IN A STORM...!
NO, CAPTAIN! IT'S THE SUNRISE!
BWUH ?!
AH...
H-
HEY.
HOLD...
WA-
NO.
ザ゛ザ゛ザ゛ザ゛...
SHAFFFF

WELL THEN, GENTLEMEN. WE'LL SETTLE THIS NEXT TIME!
Yo Ho Ho...
NOT ONLY IS HE PERSISTENT AS A SHARK, HE'S ABOUT AS SMART AS ONE.
SEE YOU-- AH!
GLUB
YOU KNOW, I'D JUST AS SOON WE *DID* SETTLE IT.

*FX: PLASSSH

*UOHHHHH

YOU'RE INCREDIBLE!!
I NEVER REALIZED YOU WERE SUCH AN INSANELY GOOD SWORDSMAN!
I'D HEARD SOLDIERS ON LAND WERE ALL COWARDS WHO RAN AT THE FIRST SIGN OF DANGER,
YOU'RE AN EXCEPTION!!
ずだっ!
*POUNCE!
YOU KNOW IT!
I MEAN, WE'VE BEEN WANDERIN' AROUND FIGHTIN' NOTHIN' BUT MONSTERS LIKE THOSE! WE'RE MONSTER-HUNTIN' PROS! PROS!!
OHO.
WELL, MORE OR LESS. DESPITE OUR INTENTIONS.
WHAT A MONKEY. A SEA MONKEY.
LOOKS LIKE I'M IN YOUR DEBT AGAIN.
ひゅん
*HYNN
JUST THINK OF THIS AS PAYING FOR OUR RIDE.
ひゅん
*HYNN

BUT WHY DID THEY TURN INTO A GHOST SHIP? I'M PRETTY SURE LAST TIME, THEY WERE *REGULAR* PIRATES.
THAT WAS JUST A FEW DAYS AGO...
AND THEY EVEN HAD THOSE MONSTERS WITH THEM.
THERE'S BEEN SOMETHING ODD ABOUT THE SEA EVER SINCE THAT STRANGE WIND BLEW THROUGH.
......
CAPTAIN, I HAVE A REPORT!
WHAT IS IT?
GO FETCH SOME MORE WOOD SCRAPS!
AND SUPPORT BEAMS!
THERE APPEAR TO BE MULTIPLE LEAKS. TEMPORARY REPAIRS MAY NOT HOLD THROUGH ANOTHER BATTLE...
THAT SEA-SLUG BASTARD SURE DID A NUMBER ON US.

NUMBER ONE...
ISN'T THERE AN ISLAND NEAR HERE?
I BELIEVE SO.
IT'S SMALL, AND JUST HAS ONE RUN-DOWN SEAPORT.
WE'LL STOP THERE FOR INSPECTION AND REPAIRS.
*KEEERN
*KEEERN
*BLASSSSH

したっ
WOOP.
GROUND...
WE HAVEN'T SET FOOT ON DRY LAND IN A WHILE!!

*FX: THMP

THIS ISLAND'S KINDA GLOOMY AND MEH.
......
WHAT'S WRONG?
SOME-THING...
ISN'T RIGHT...
DON'T YOU SENSE ANYTHING, GUTS?
THIS THING'S BEEN ACTIN'...
...KINDA FUNNY EVER SINCE THAT WIND.
...HMM.
WELL, ABOUT THAT.

IT'S LIKE A WOUND THAT WON'T CLOSE...
LIKE IT'S GOTTEN TOO SENSITIVE, SO NOW IT JUST FEELS NUMB INSTEAD.
WELL, I THINK I'LL KNOW IF ANYTHING OBVIOUS GETS CLOSE TO US.
...I THOUGHT SO.
UM... IS THERE SOMETHING ON THIS ISLAND?
I DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING FOR CERTAIN...
...BUT THE ENTIRE ISLAND SEEMS TO BE ENSHROUDED BY AN OMINOUS OD.
IT'S PROBABLY BEST NOT TO GO INLAND...
I'M SORRY, BUT REPAIRING THE SHIP WILL TAKE SOME TIME. WE'LL DEPART TOMORROW MORNING.
......
HEY! LET'S HURRY TO THE INN FOR SOME FOOD.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. LET'S JUST DO OUR BEST NOT TO GET SEPARATED.

OH.
LOOKS LIKE I WAS A BEAT TOO LATE.
THOSE SCATTER-BRAINED BUFFOONS!
うらあぁ
OO-RAH
ででで
DMP
DMP
DMP
HEY, YOU TWO!
BOYS, ISLANDS, AND EXPLORATION ARE LIKE A TRINITY! NOBODY CAN STOP IT!
WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?!
DON'T WORRY!
I'LL USE THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE IF ANYTHING HAPPENS!
FIFTEEN MEN ON A DEAD MAN'S CHEST~ ♪
...WHAT A PAIN.
MADE IT...
BUHAHH
BUHAHH
アー
アー
KEEERN
KEEERN
...OH.
HUH?

WHAT GIVES?
I CAN SEE THE WHOLE DAMN *THING* FROM HERE.
WHAT A DINKY LITTLE ISLAND.
YOU COULD GET ALL THE WAY AROUND BEFORE YOU KNEW IT.
LOOK ...
TEAM MEMBER DROPEY.
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MHM
...
ザザアァ
*ZHAAA

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL
MYSTERIOUS GIGANTIC CAVE DISCOVERED ON A SOLITARY ISLAND IN THE REMOTE SEAS!
WE-HAVE-ARRIVED!!
NOW TO MAKE A TORCH!
OKAY!
LOOK FOR HANDY PIECES OF WOOD! DRY ONES!
I'VE GOT SOME KELP
I WOULDN'T DO THAT!
BLOOOSHA

THAT CAVE'S BAD NEWS.
YOU SHOULDN'T GO NEAR IT.
...
WHO'RE ...
...YOU ?
NATIVE SPOTTED.
タッ
*THAP
!
*TMP
*TMP
*TMP

HEY, IS THAT AN ELF?
HI.
AWESOME!
*TNK
Y-YOU CAN SEE HIM?
THAT MIGHT NOT BE TOO ODD, ON A REMOTE ISLAND LIKE THIS.
HER FACE AIN'T DOWN THERE.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE HERE ON THE ISLAND.
WOW, HE'S SO CUTE. ♡
THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY SAYS.
MORE LIKE, HE'S A SMARTASS.
YOU MUST...
...HAVE SAILED HERE...
...ON THAT SHIP.

THEN NO WONDER YOU DON'T KNOW.
BUT STILL, KEEP OUT.
THE PEOPLE OF THIS ISLAND CONSIDER IT TABOO TO GO IN THERE.
WHY, ARE THERE MONSTERS OR SOMETHIN'?
THERE'S AN OLD LEGEND ABOUT IT.
IT'S WHERE ...
...THE SEA GOD LIVES.

IT SMELLS LIKE FISH...
WHAT A RUSTIC FISHING VILLAGE.
I WAS HOPING TO GET SOME FOOD AND SUPPLIES... BUT I GUESS NOT.
IS IT ALRIGHT FOR THE CAPTAIN TO BE AWAY FROM HIS SHIP AT SUCH A HECTIC TIME?
DON'T WORRY, MY FIRST MATE CAN HANDLE ALL THAT.
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BESIDES, AS AN OFFICER OF IITH, IT'S MY VERY IMPORTANT DUTY TO ESCORT THE LADIES DURING THEIR TIRING AND UNFAMILIAR SEA VOYAGE.
MY...
FOR NOW, LET'S RELAX AND EAT SOME-THING...
YOU THERE, IS THERE AN INN OR A TAVERN HERE IN...?
ギィ
バタン

*FX: MEOW

*FX: GREEE

*FX: BTAM

*BTAM
バタン
*FX: CLATA CLATA
カラカラ
DEAR ME.
TALK ABOUT SHY.
OR CREEPY. ALWAYS IS, IN THE STICKS.
WELL?
...
I STILL CANNOT SAY WITH ANY CERTAINTY.
IT IS LIKE SOME FAINT, VAGUE OD...
...IS COVERING THE ENTIRE VILLAGE...
HEY!
CASCA!
AU

BERSERK

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GIRL OF THE ROARING TORRENT

ドドドオオンン
*DOOOOSH
ザザザザザ
*SHAAAA
S...
SEA GOD...?

THAT'S WHAT IT'S CALLED, BUT IT'S A SINISTER, DREADFUL GOD...
...THAT SINKS SHIPS AND EATS PEOPLE.
HEH...
HEHEH...
THAT JUST MAKES IT ALL THE MORE INTERESTIN'.
SUDDENLY I *REALLY* WANNA GO IN THERE!!
I GOTTA GO SEE IF THAT...
...LEGEND'S REAL OR NOT!!
ROLL CAMERA!
WEDNESDAY SPECIAL
UH, WAIT.
*SPIN
YOU'LL GET CURSED.
HOW CAN I *EXPLORE*...
...IF I'M AFRAID OF *CURSES*?!
HIROSHI FUJIOKA, THIS TIME
*DOOOOSH
*OOOOSH
*SPLASH
PWAH...!

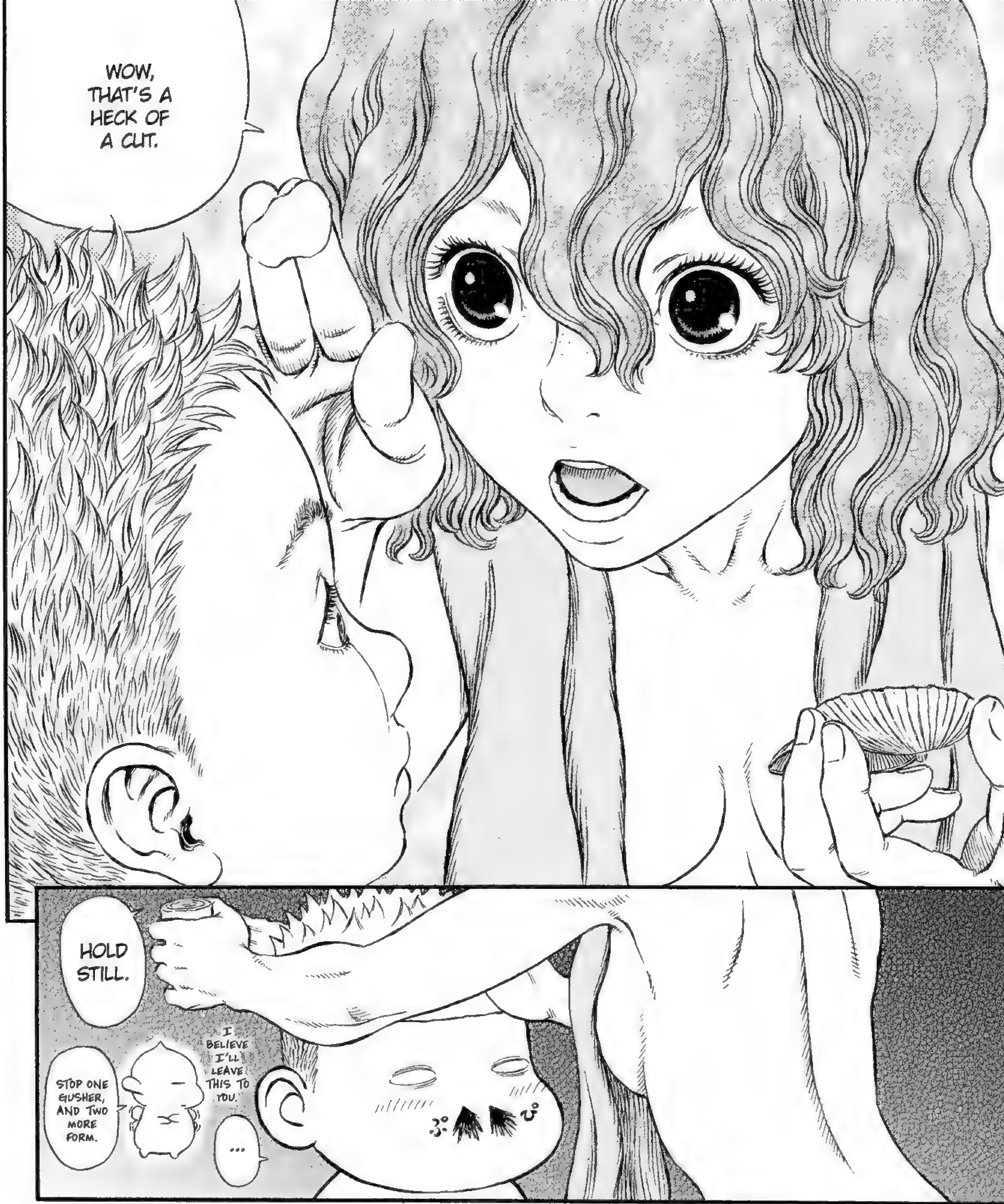
ずる
*FX: SLIP
ごち,
*FX: WHOCK
スポ
*FX: FALL
UH, WATCH YOUR FOOTING.
*SWING
ぶわっ
EXORCISE! MY HEAD'S BLEEDIN'.
*SWING
ぶち
PURIFY!
THERE'S SOMETHIN' IN THERE.
"BAD NEWS" IS RIGHT.
...MAN.
OH WELL, WHAT-EVER.
COME ON.
MY HOUSE IS CLOSE BY.
I'LL PATCH YOU UP.
*BLEED
ぴゅぴゅぴゅ
AH-CHOO!
ジジジ…
*SSSS

THIS IS RATHER EERIE.
THOUGH A BIT INTRIGUING, TOO.
WHAT AN ODD STATUE.
THIS IS VERY OLD...
IT IS A STATUE OF AN ANCIENT GOD.
ANCIENT GOD?
STOP THAT!

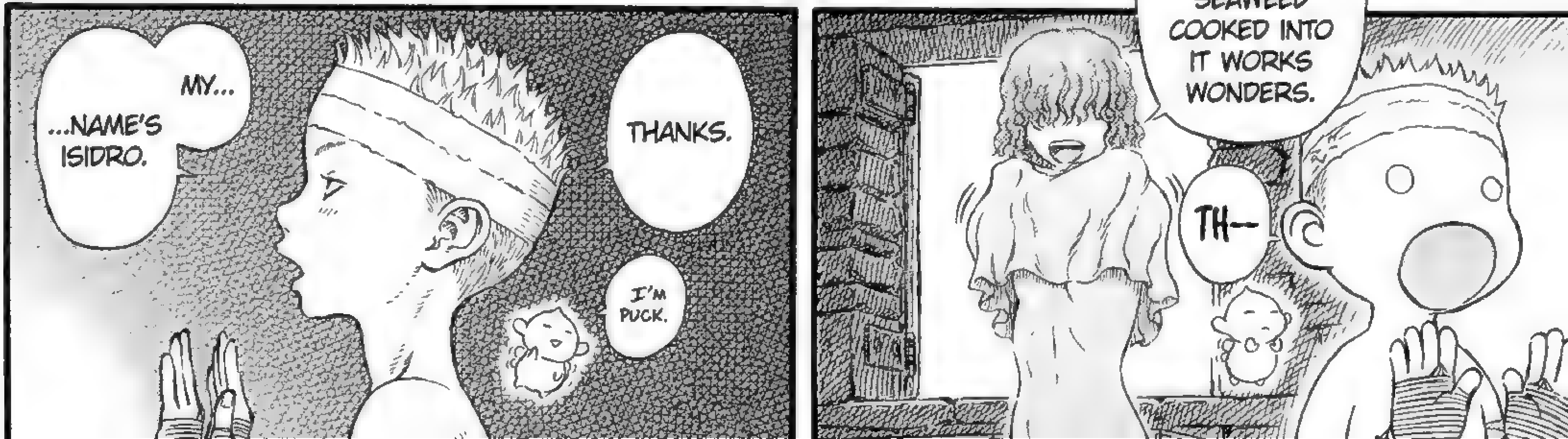
AS THE DOCTRINE OF YOUR RELIGION SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD...
...THE ANCIENT GODS...
...WERE FORGOTTEN AND FADED INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE ASTRAL WORLD.
THE OLD TRADITIONS MUST HAVE STILL BEEN PASSED DOWN HERE ON THIS ISOLATED ISLAND.
A GOD, EH?
IT SMELLS.
IT'S CERTAINLY NOT AS REFINED OR AS BEAUTIFUL AS *OUR* GOD AND ANGELS.
IT'S AN OCTOPUS.
IT'S OCTOGOD.
......
I'M GOING TO WALK AROUND THE ISLAND A BIT.
EVERYONE ELSE, GO ON AHEAD TO THE INN.
MISTRESS.
ISN'T IT DANGEROUS TO GO OFF ALONE?
IT'S POSSIBLE THERE'S SOMETHING *ON* THIS ISLAND...
THAT'S WHAT I WILL GO DETERMINE.
I CAN SPARE SOME OF MY OFFICERS AS GUARDS...
I APPRECIATE THAT...

...BUT THERE IS NO NEED FOR CONCERN.
I AM FAR SAFER HERE...
...THAN I AM IN A CITY.
IS IT OKAY THAT BOTH OF THE CHILDREN ARE WANDERING AROUND?
WE'LL BE IN BIGGER TROUBLE THAN THEM IF SOMETHING HAPPENS AND WE LACK THEIR HELP.
WHAT *KIND* OF SOMETHING? MORE MONSTERS?!

ずずー!!
*FX: SNFFFFF
THA'S WARM.
THANKS, I MEAN IT.
THIS'S SOME WEIRD FIREWOOD.
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S PEAT.
IT'S GRASS BURIED IN MUD THAT THE COLD KEEPS FROM ROTTING COMPLETELY.
NO TREES BIG ENOUGH TO YIELD FIREWOOD GROW ON THIS ISLAND.
...
*OOZE
THAT'S KINDA SURREAL.
NOW LET ME SEE YOUR INJURY.
IT'S OKAY, IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
YOU'LL GET BARNACLES UP INSIDE YA IF IT'S NOT TREATED RIGHT...
*SHIVER


WOW, THAT'S A HECK OF A CUT.
HOLD STILL.
I BELIEVE I'LL LEAVE THIS TO YOU.
STOP ONE GUSHER, AND TWO MORE FORM.
...

*FX: SPURT SPURT


MEDICINE WITH SEAWEED COOKED INTO IT WORKS WONDERS.
TH--
THANKS.
MY...
...NAME'S ISIDRO.
I'M PUCK.

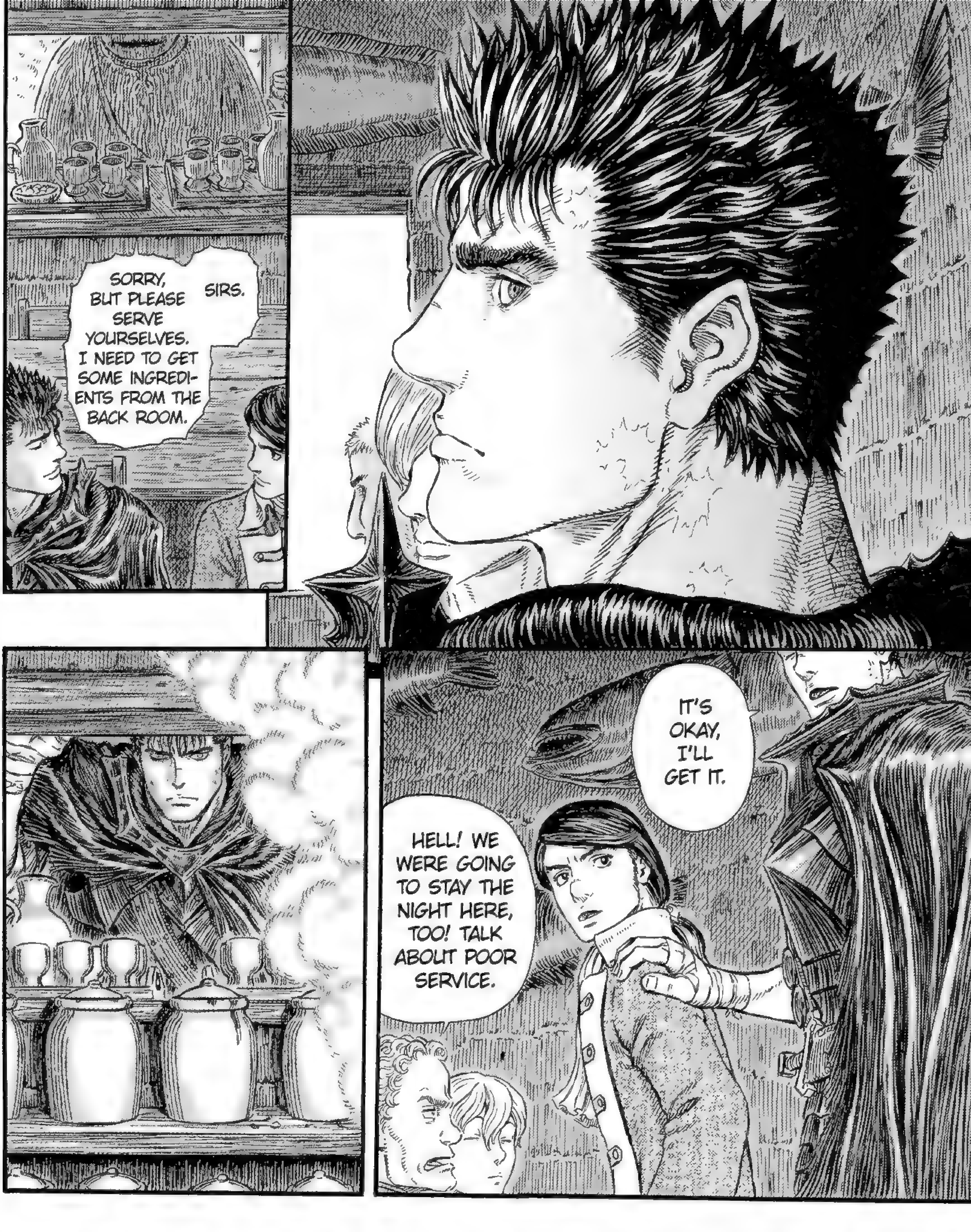
I'M *ISMA.*
NICE TO MEET YOU.
SO DO YOU GUYS HAVE TO HEAD BACK SOON?
NAH, WE LEAVE TOMORROW...
THEN ...!
THEN, HEY! HAVE DINNER WITH ME!
THEN TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOUR TRAVELS!
ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD!
SURE, I GUESS ...
YEAH!!
OKAY! GO AHEAD AND START...!
...I MEAN, NO.
WAIT! I'LL GET DINNER READY...
...OH RIGHT, THERE'S MY COOKPOT!
SHE SURE IS EXCITABLE.
MAYBE EVEN ON PAR WITH YOU.

I SAY, NOW I CAN FINALLY EAT A MEAL IN PEACE.
I WAS HARDLY ABLE TO KEEP ANYTHING DOWN ON THE SHIP.
STILL, THOUGH...

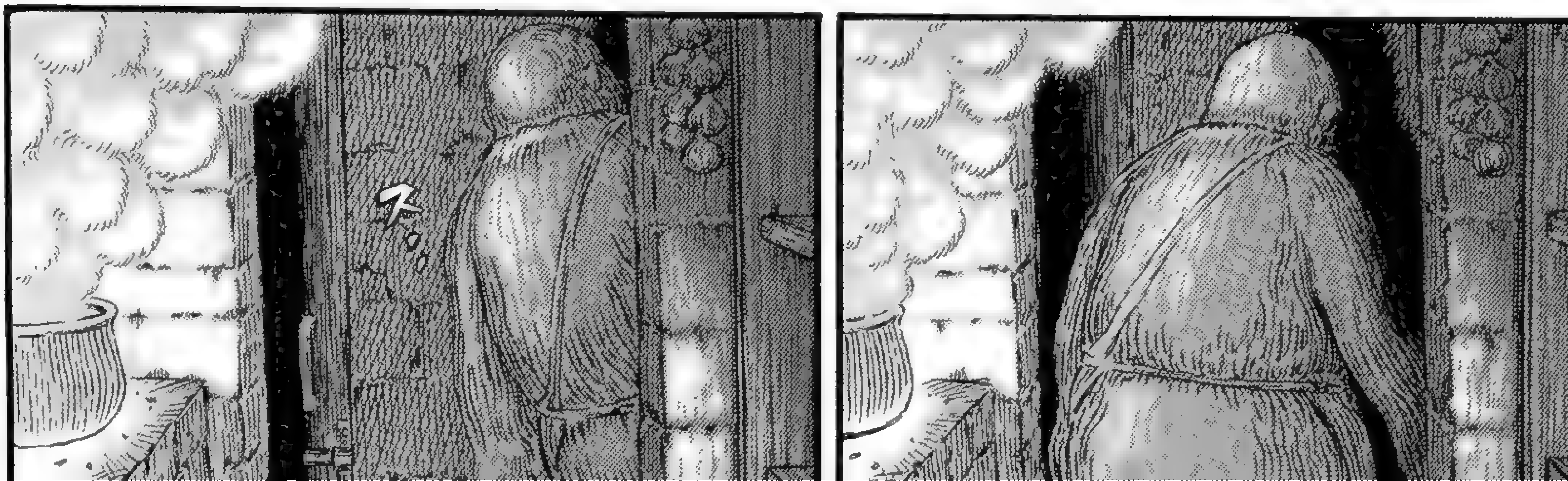
I REALIZE THIS IS THE ONLY INN OR TAVERN IN THE VILLAGE, BUT IT'S JUST SO EERIE AND TASTELESS...
AND IT SMELLS LIKE FISH.
I LIKE IT. IT'S FASCINATING, LIKE BEING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN.

*FX: KRRNCH KRRNCH

*FX: KRRNCH KRRNCH


SORRY, BUT PLEASE SERVE YOURSELVES. I NEED TO GET SOME INGREDIENTS FROM THE BACK ROOM.
SIRS.
IT'S OKAY, I'LL GET IT.
HELL! WE WERE GOING TO STAY THE NIGHT HERE, TOO! TALK ABOUT POOR SERVICE.

*FX: SHFF



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*BLASSSSH
THIS SEEMS TO BE THE HEART OF THE DISQUIETING OD COVERING THE ISLAND.
YOU'RE NOT GOIN' IN THERE, ARE YA? IT'S ALL DAMP AND NASTY...
FEEL FREE TO WAIT OUTSIDE, IVALERA.
FORGET THAT! I'M GOIN' TOO!
I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU...
!
SCHIERKE, LOOK...!

*SSSS
THIS IS...
THE MONKEY'S ...!
OH, NO...
ISIDRO ...!
*TNK
*SWAY
?!
*CHOOOSH

*KSSSSH
THESE ARE...
...FROM THE GHOST SHIP...!!
*FX: ZHMMM
...BUT AREN'T THESE A LITTLE SMALLER?
THEY'RE JUST AS GROSS, THOUGH.
BUT THEY ARE DEFINITELY THE SAME TYPE OF CREATURES AS BEFORE.
YOU DON'T...
...SUPPOSE THESE THINGS ATE THOSE GUYS?
...!!
...ISIDRO.

...WHA?!
*LUNGE
SCHIERKE!
*WRAP
NO...!

THAT'S INCREDIBLE !!
THEN WHAT?! THEN WHAT?!
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT !?!
UH, NEXT, I, UH...
I GOT IN CLOSE TO IT RIGHT WHEN IT FIRED THE BOLT! THEN I EVADED THE AXE IT SWUNG DOWN AT ME...
THEN, WHAM! I SLASHED IT RIGHT ON ITS SIDE...!
REEL IN THOSE EYES, SON.
THEN I SHIFTED BACK AROUND AND FINISHED IT OFF WITH A MAGIC DAGGER TO THE FLANK!
THAT WAS THE END OF THE GIANT BOSS TROLL!
WOWWW.
THAT'S AMAZING ...
HUH.
THAT REALLY *HAPPENED* ...?

FINE! IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME...
...I'LL JUST HAVE TO PROVE IT BY SHOWIN' IT TO YA!
WAIT... WHAT?!
ALL I'VE GOT'S THE SCABBARD?!
AH, CRAP! DID I DROP IT SOMEWHERE?!
H-HOLD ON A MINUTE!
I WASN'T JUST BRAGGIN'...!
YOU JUST EXAGGERATED A LITTLE.
I BELIEVE YOU.
YOU'VE GOT AN ELF WITH YOU! IT ONLY MAKES SENSE IF YOU'VE HAD ALL THOSE ADVENTURES!
I BELIEVE YOU!
THE OUTSIDE WORLD'S A WILD PLACE.
......

MIGHT THIS BE WHAT YOU SEEK?
*SWAYYY
ゆらあぁ…
EEEEEEEK
*SPURT
ぷ
WHAT KINDA SEAWEED ARE YOU?!
THIS IS A RARE ITEM. YOU REALLY NEED TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE WITH IT.
HERE.
しゅっ
*THRUST
CARE-FUL!
WHOA!
WH- WHAT'S UP?! WHAT HAPPENED?!
YOU'RE EVEN SCARIER THAN USUAL!!
FOR THE RECORD, IT'S ALL HIS FAULT!
I JUST HAD A HORRIBLE TIME THANKS TO SOME-BODY!
THAT'S RIGHT! THOSE WERE SOME NAUGHTY TENTACLES!
ぷち
*CHOO
...AHH
はっ

OH.
GOT 'EM!
*GRAB
YOU TWO MUST BE ISIDRO'S FRIENDS, RIGHT?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU GOT HIT BY THE SAME WAVE THAT HIT HIM.
DON'T BY SHY, COME IN AND GET WARMED UP!
IS THAT THE DAGGER?!
...WELL THANKS.
WHAT'S GOIN' ON?! YOU'RE ON DRY LAND, BUT YOUR FACE LOOKS LIKE A DEEP-SEA FISH!
*SSSMM

フォッ
*FWOM
THIS GIRL, SHE'S...

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DENIZENS OF THE SINISTER SEA

OKAY, I SEE NOW.
YOU'RE THE WITCH ISIDRO SAID WAS ONE OF HIS COMPANIONS.
MY NAME IS **SCHIERKE.**
I'M **IVALERA.**
TODAY'S BEEN AMAZING! I'VE NEVER HAD ELVES OR WITCHES AS GUESTS HERE BEFORE!
EAT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE! OF COURSE, IT'S JUST POTATO, FISH, AND SEAWEED SOUP!
どかっ
*WHOCK
TH-THANKS... DON'T MIND IF I DO.
I HAD JUST BEEN LISTENING TO TALES OF THE GREAT ISIDRO'S ADVENTURES!
"THE GREAT ISIDRO."
COULD YOU TELL ME YOURS, TOO?!
I BEG YOUR PARDON, BUT BEFORE THAT...
...COULD YOU TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF AND THIS ISLAND?
ABOUT ME?

I COULD...
BUT I BET IT'D BE BORING.
I'M JUST A FISHERMAN...
...AND THIS ISLAND'S NOTHING SPECIAL.
I BEG TO DIFFER.
PLEASE.
THIS ISLAND'S ISOLATED FROM BOTH SEA ROUTES AND ANY OTHER LAND.
THERE ISN'T ENOUGH FOOD OR WATER TO BE OF USE TO LARGE SHIPS, SO THE ONLY OUTSIDERS WE EVER SEE ARE THOSE FROM THE OCCASIONAL DAMAGED SHIP, LIKE YOURS.
THERE'S JUST THE ONE LITTLE RUSTIC FISHING VILLAGE...
AND THE VILLAGERS DON'T LIKE STRANGERS...
THEY'RE ALL GLOOMY AND CROOKED...
AND I CAN'T STAND THEM!

IS THAT WHY YOU LIVE OVER HERE ALONE, ISMA?
MORE OR LESS!
I WOULDN'T LIVE WITH THAT ROTTEN FISH-EYED BUNCH EVEN IF THEY ASKED!
WELL...
THERE'S THAT...
BUT THERE'S ANOTHER REASON...
I'M THE...
...VILLAGE OUTCAST.
OUTCAST...?
HEHEH...
BECAUSE THEY'RE...
...SCARED OF ME.
HEY...
WHY?!

YOU SEE...
...I'M A *MERROW.*
A MERROW ...?
プ
*PUH
アハハ…
*AHAHAH
JUST KIDDING! JUST KIDDING! DID YOU THINK I WAS SERIOUS?!
DID I GETCHA GOOD?!
...
THAT WAS JUST A JOKE?
I GUESS I JUST WANTED TO THINK OF MYSELF ALONGSIDE WITCHES AND ELVES!
YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE ME!
*NGYOHH
しゅたっ!
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ギョ
*FWMP
IS THAT EVEN RIGHT?

BUT IT'S TRUE THAT A MERROW IS WHY I'M AN OUTCAST.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
MY DEAD PA...
...USED TO BE WITH ONE.
*FX: FWAP FWAP
S-SO DOES THAT MEAN...
YOU REALLY ARE A...?
びち びち
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT. I'M HUMAN.
I SWIM AS WELL AS A MERROW...
...BUT I COULD SOAK IN THE SEA ALL DAY AND MY LEGS WON'T TURN INTO A TAIL FIN.
MY MA WAS ALREADY GONE BEFORE I CAN EVEN REMEMBER.
PA WOULD NEVER TALK ABOUT HER...

BUT I KIND OF FIGURED IT OUT BY WRINGING INFO OUT OF THE DAMN KIDS WHO'D TEASE ME...
...AND BY OVERHEARING THE GOSSIP THE GROWN-UPS WOULD SPREAD.
FOUR YEARS AGO, A STORM CAPSIZED MY PA'S BOAT...
AS HE WAS DYING...
...HE SAID SOMEDAY, MY MA WOULD COME FOR ME.
HE SAID THE DECORATION ON OUR HOUSE'S DOOR WAS A MERROW CHARM MA MADE LONG AGO.
SO ARE THE TURTLE AND SEA SHELLS SURROUNDING THE HOUSE. HE SAID THEY'RE THERE TO KEEP AWAY EVIL.
BUT I'VE NEVER ONCE SEEN A MERROW.
I'M NOT EVEN SURE I BELIEVE ALL THAT STUFF...
EITHER WAY, I GOT BUSY JUST LIVING FROM DAY TO DAY, AND NONE OF IT SEEMED IMPORTANT ANYMORE...
BUT, HEY! HERE YOU ARE IN FRONT OF ME, WITH ELVES!
...WHICH MEANS MERROWS MIGHT EXIST TOO, RIGHT?!
STILL...
WHY IS IT LIKE THIS?

*FX: POINT *FX: FWAP

AREN'T MERROWS SPIRITS OF THE SEA?
AND I HAVE HEARD THEIR KIND ARE AMICABLE WITH HUMANS. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD OMENS FOR FISHERMEN...
WHY WOULD THE PEOPLE HERE DETEST THEM?
THAT'S BECAUSE OF THIS ISLAND'S...
...OLD SEA-GOD LEGEND.
A REALLY LONG TIME AGO, A TERRIBLE SEA GOD RAMPAGED THROUGHOUT THE SEA AROUND HERE.
IT ATTACKED SHIPS...
ATE PEOPLE...
AND CONSUMED ALL THE FISH.
IT WAS TURNING INTO A SEA OF DEATH, WITH NO LIVING THINGS IN IT.

A TRIBE OF MERROWS DECIDED THEY HAD TO CHALLENGE THE SEA GOD TO WAR.
IT LASTED A VERY LONG TIME...
AND THEY LOST MANY OF THEIR KIN.
THE MERROWS FINALLY CONFINED THE SEA GOD TO THIS ISLAND.
THE WAR WAS OVER, AND THE MERROWS LEFT.
THEN FISH RETURNED TO THE SEA.
BUT THE SEA GOD IS VERY POWERFUL.
AND AS THE FULL MOON APPROACHES, IT STRETCHES ITS LONG LIMBS FROM THE ISLAND CAVE.
THEY SAY IT ATTACKS THIS ISLAND'S FISHERMEN AND SHIPS THAT HAPPEN TO BE PASSING NEARBY.

THE ISLANDERS ARE AFRAID OF AROUSING ITS ANGER...
...SO THEY RESENT THE MERROWS, EVEN THOUGH THEY SUPPOSEDLY BENEFITED FROM THEM.
THEY'RE SOME STINGY CREEPS!
SO IS THAT SEA GOD...?
YES...
BUT LATELY, THE ISLAND HAS SEEMED STRANGE.
?
IT LOOKS LIKE THE VILLAGERS HAVEN'T BEEN OUT FISHING AT ALL.
THERE HASN'T BEEN A SOUL AT THE DOCKS. IT'S LIKE THEY'RE ALL SHUT UP INDOORS.
I SAW SOME OF THEM STARING AT ME THROUGH A WINDOW CRACK WHEN I HAPPENED TO PASS BY...
THEY KINDA DIDN'T LOOK HUMAN...
LOOKED MORE LIKE FISH EYES.
SOMETIMES I ALSO HEAR...
...CREEPING SOUNDS COMING FROM THE SEA GOD'S CAVE.

IT'S NOT JUST THE ISLAND.
I ALSO...
...SENSE STRANGE PRESENCES...
AND HEAR VOICES IN THE SEA.
AND THEN...
...I MET YOU GUYS. THE END!
...IT'S LIKE THE WORLD'S GONE ALL BIZARRE EVER SINCE THAT STRANGE WIND BLEW THROUGH.
WIND...

THAT WAS SOME MEAGER FOOD, BUT I DON'T ASK FOR MUCH RIGHT NOW. ALL I NEED'S A NIGHT OF SOUND SLEEP IN A BED THAT DOESN'T MOVE, AND I'LL HAVE NO COMPLAINTS.
HOW DID YOU EVER MAKE IT AS A TRADER, WITH YOUR CONSTITUTION ?
MY SENTIMENTS EXACTLY.
SH-SHUT UP! IT'S MY SUBORDINATES' JOB TO RUN ALL AROUND THE WORLD!
THE MAN IN CHARGE SITS IN ONE PLACE AND RUNS THE SHOW!
WELL, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE SHIP, SO WE'LL COME GET YOU IN THE MORNING.
IN THE AFTERNOON WORKS, TOO.
THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK.
GOOD NIGHT.
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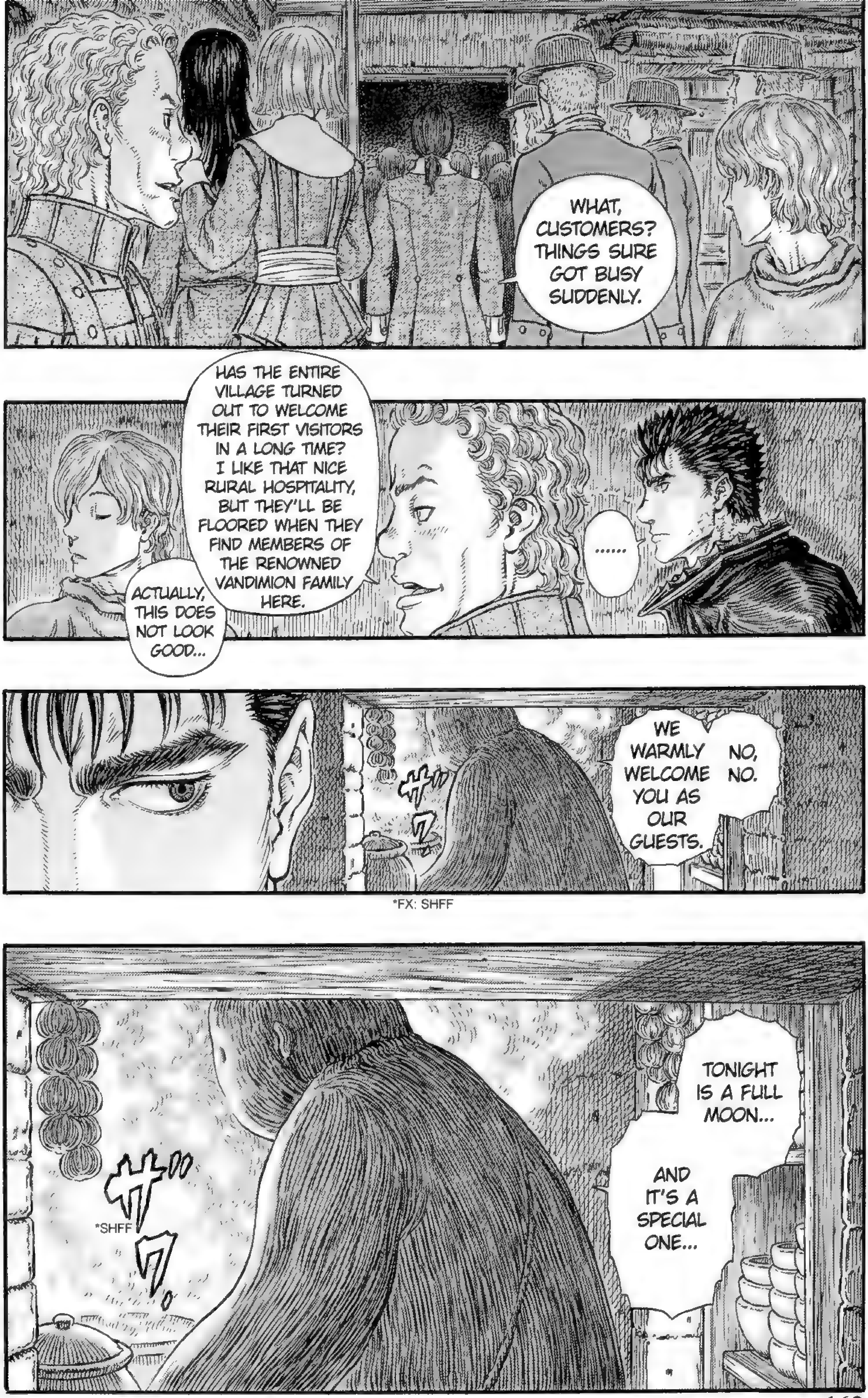
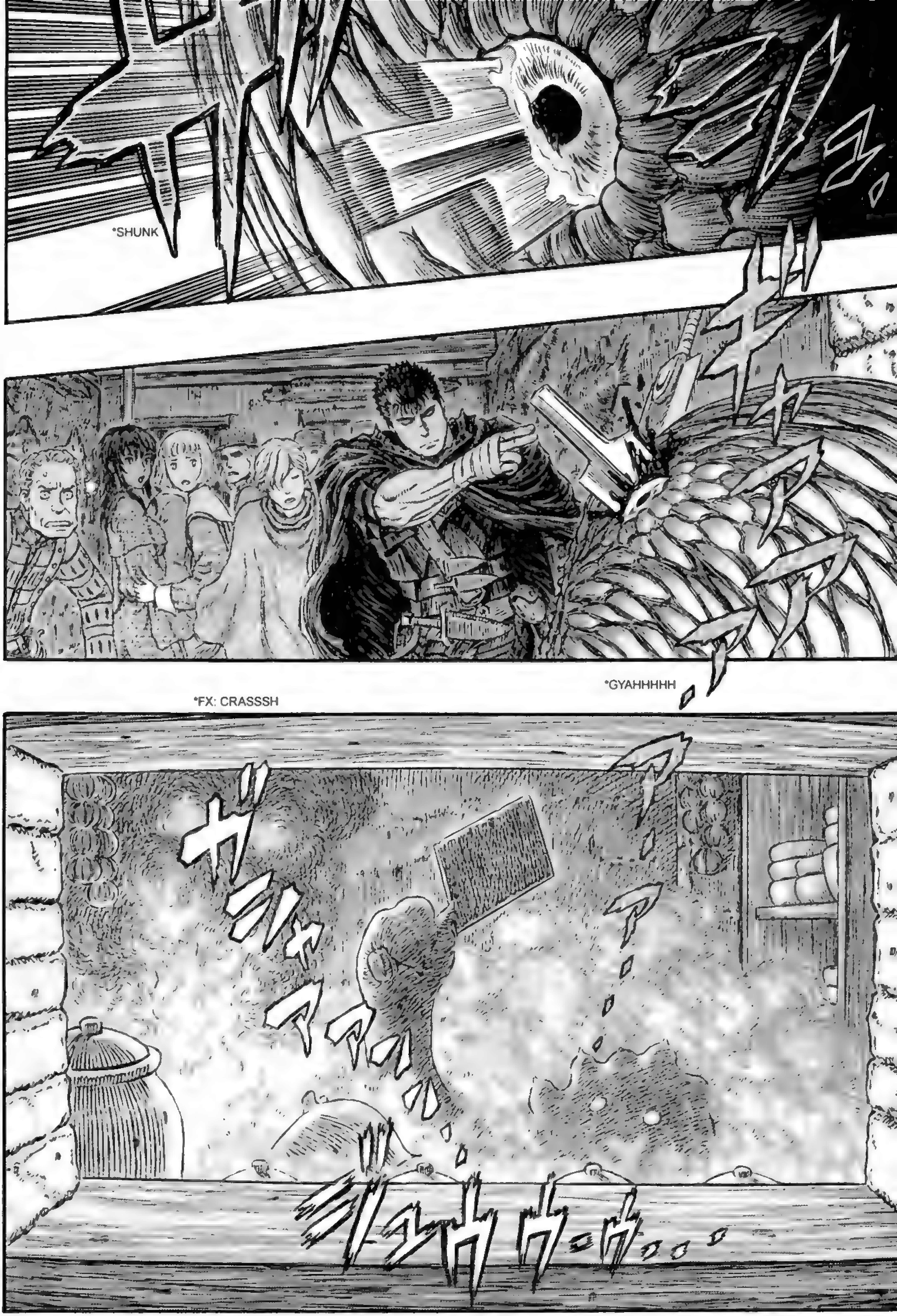
...HM ?

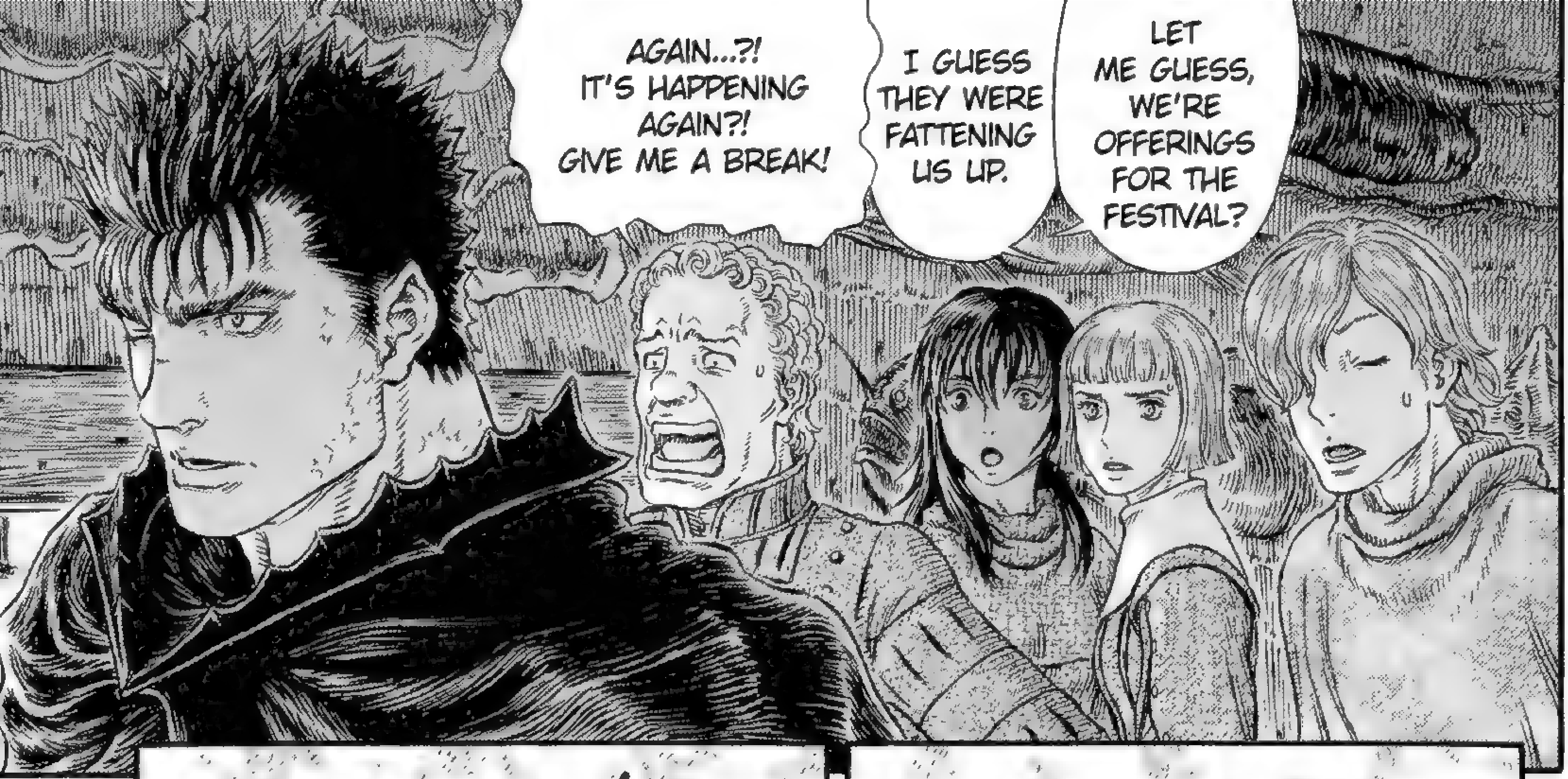
*FX: POKE

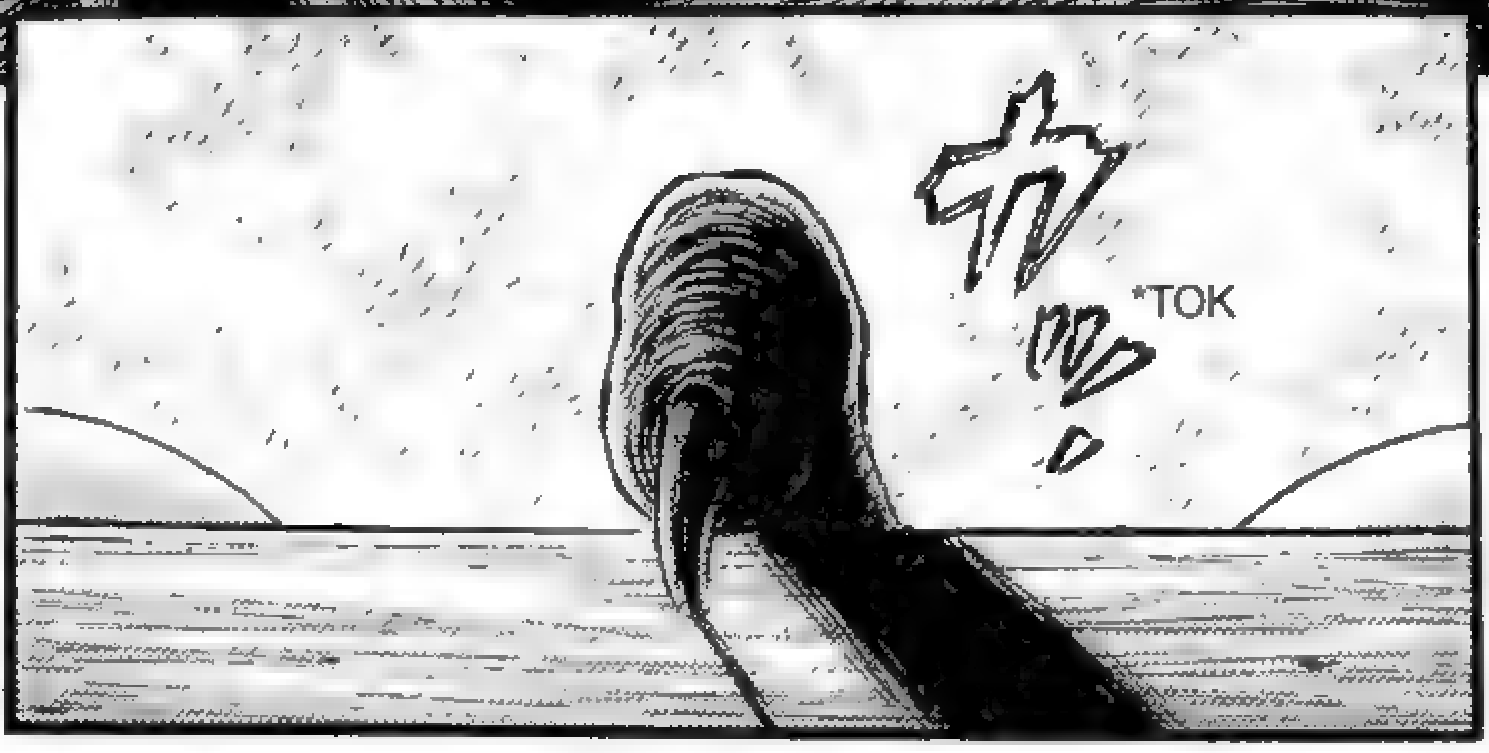
*FX: KREEE


WHAT, CUSTOMERS? THINGS SURE GOT BUSY SUDDENLY.
......
HAS THE ENTIRE VILLAGE TURNED OUT TO WELCOME THEIR FIRST VISITORS IN A LONG TIME? I LIKE THAT NICE RURAL HOSPITALITY, BUT THEY'LL BE FLOORED WHEN THEY FIND MEMBERS OF THE RENOWNED VANDIMION FAMILY HERE.
ACTUALLY, THIS DOES NOT LOOK GOOD...
NO, NO.
WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU AS OUR GUESTS.
*FX: SHFF
TONIGHT IS A FULL MOON...
AND IT'S A SPECIAL ONE...
*SHFF

IT'S THE EASTER...
THONK
...OF THE SEA GOD...
...THE LORD OF THIS ISLAND.


*SHUNK
*GYAHHHHH
*FX: CRASSSH
*FX JSSHHHH


LET ME GUESS, WE'RE OFFERINGS FOR THE FESTIVAL?
I GUESS THEY WERE FATTENING US UP.
AGAIN...?! IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN?! GIVE ME A BREAK!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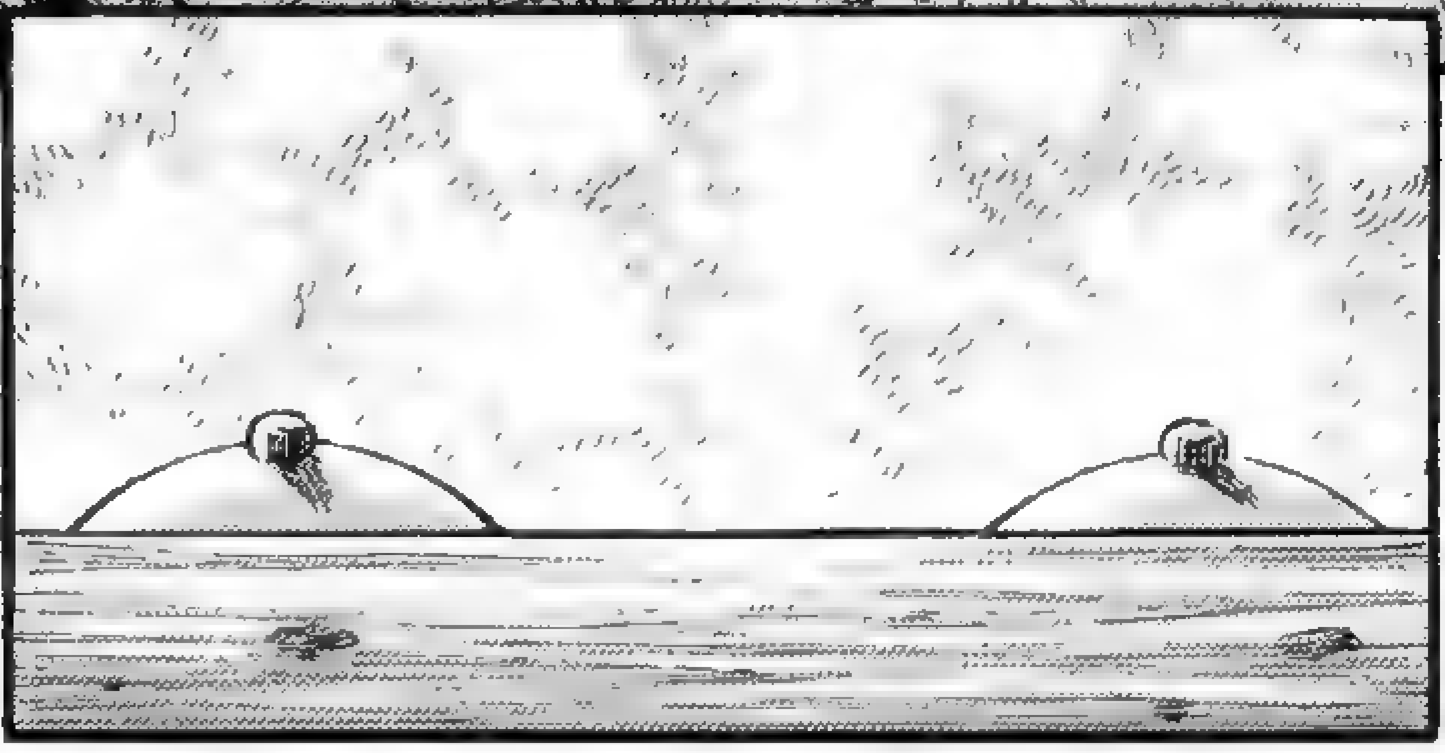
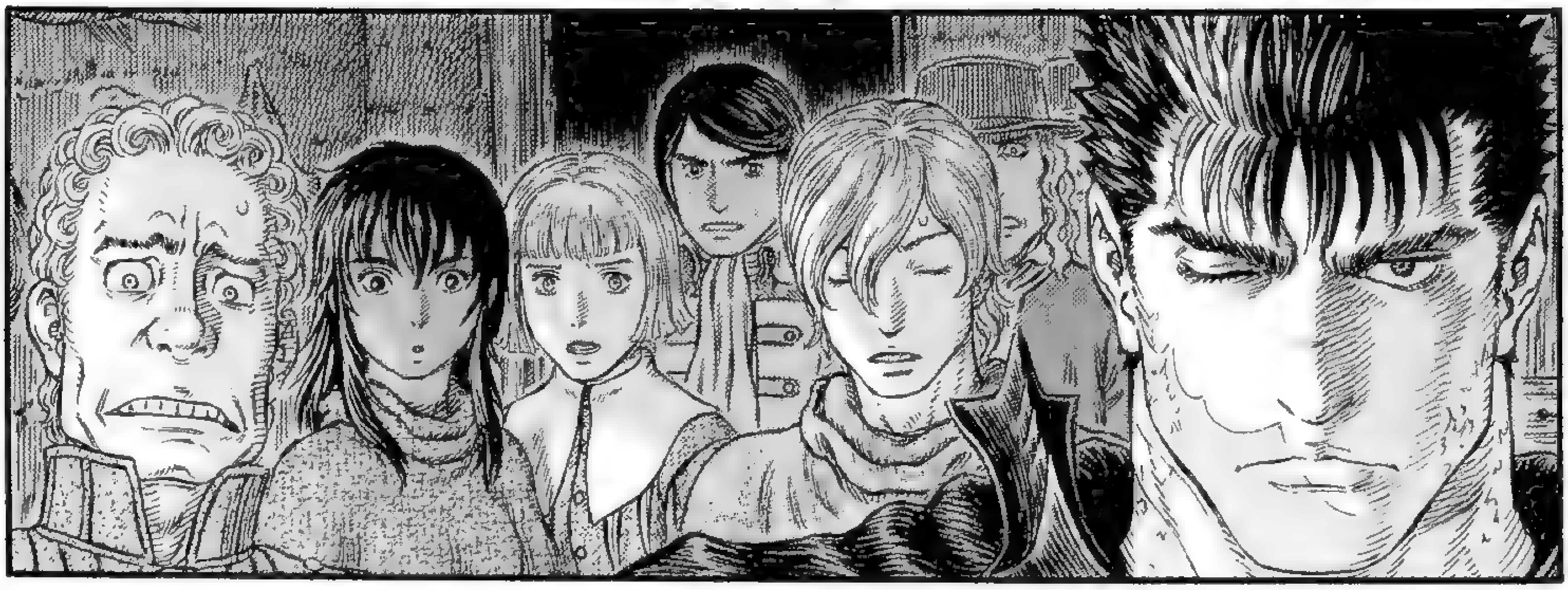
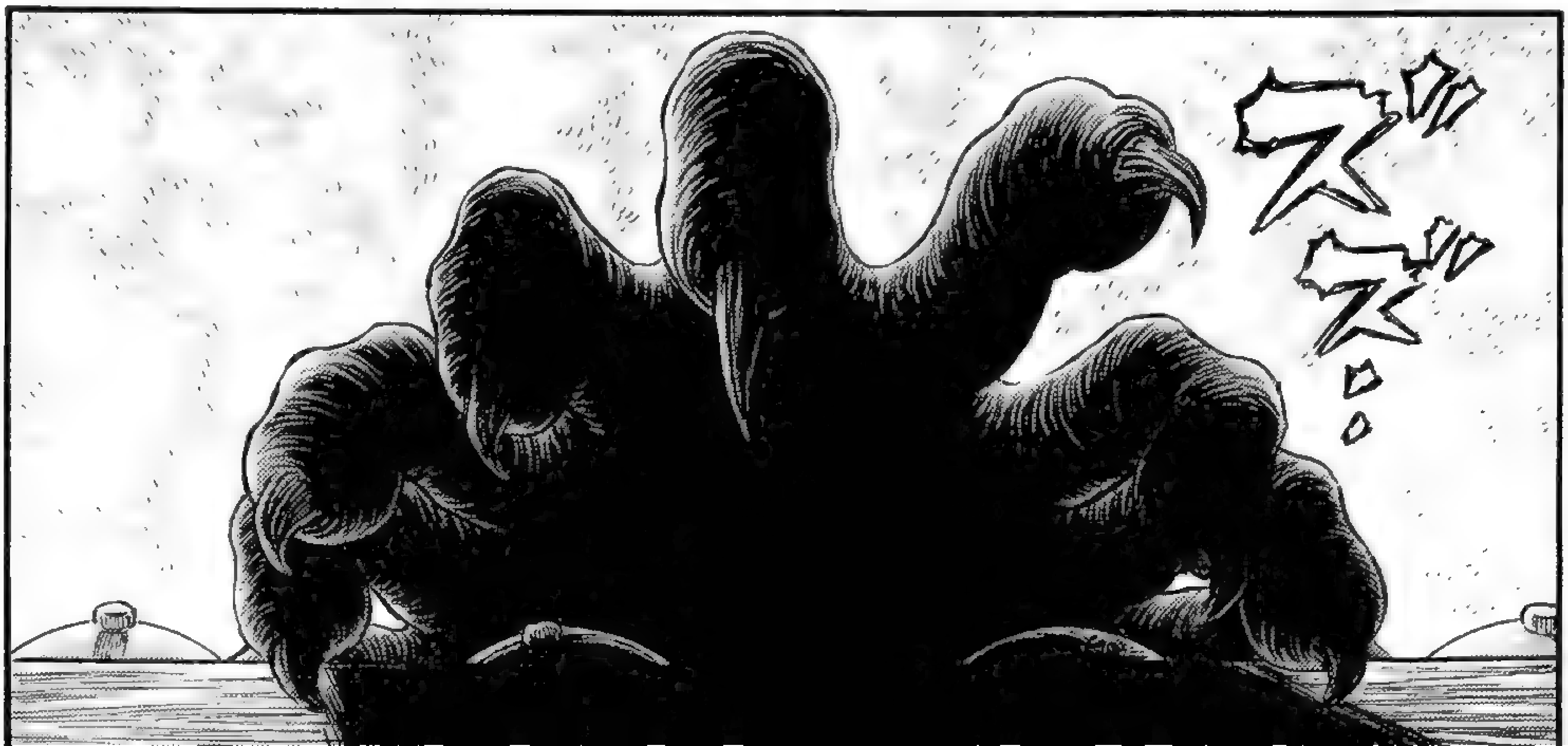
*TOK





*FX: ZHMM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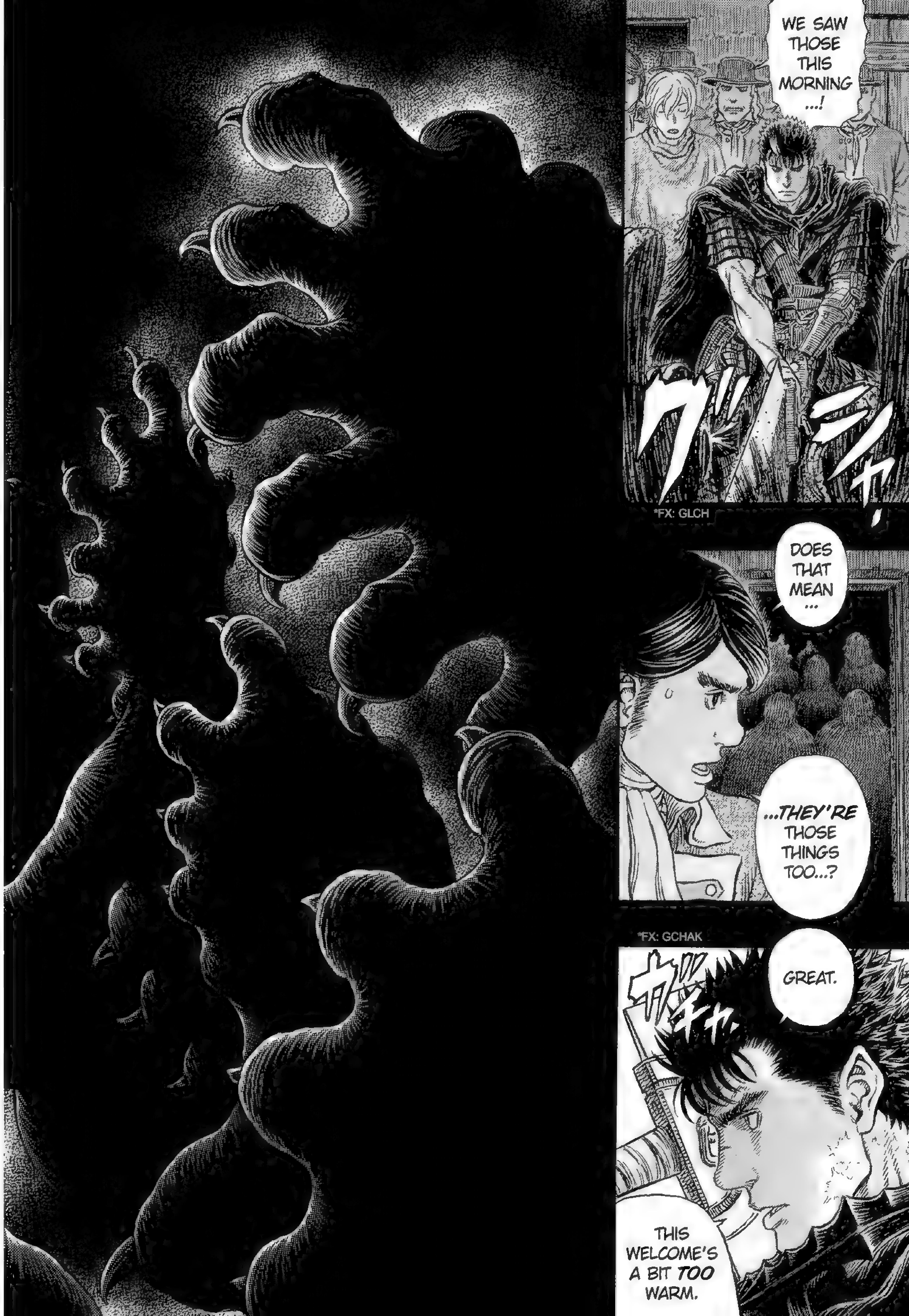
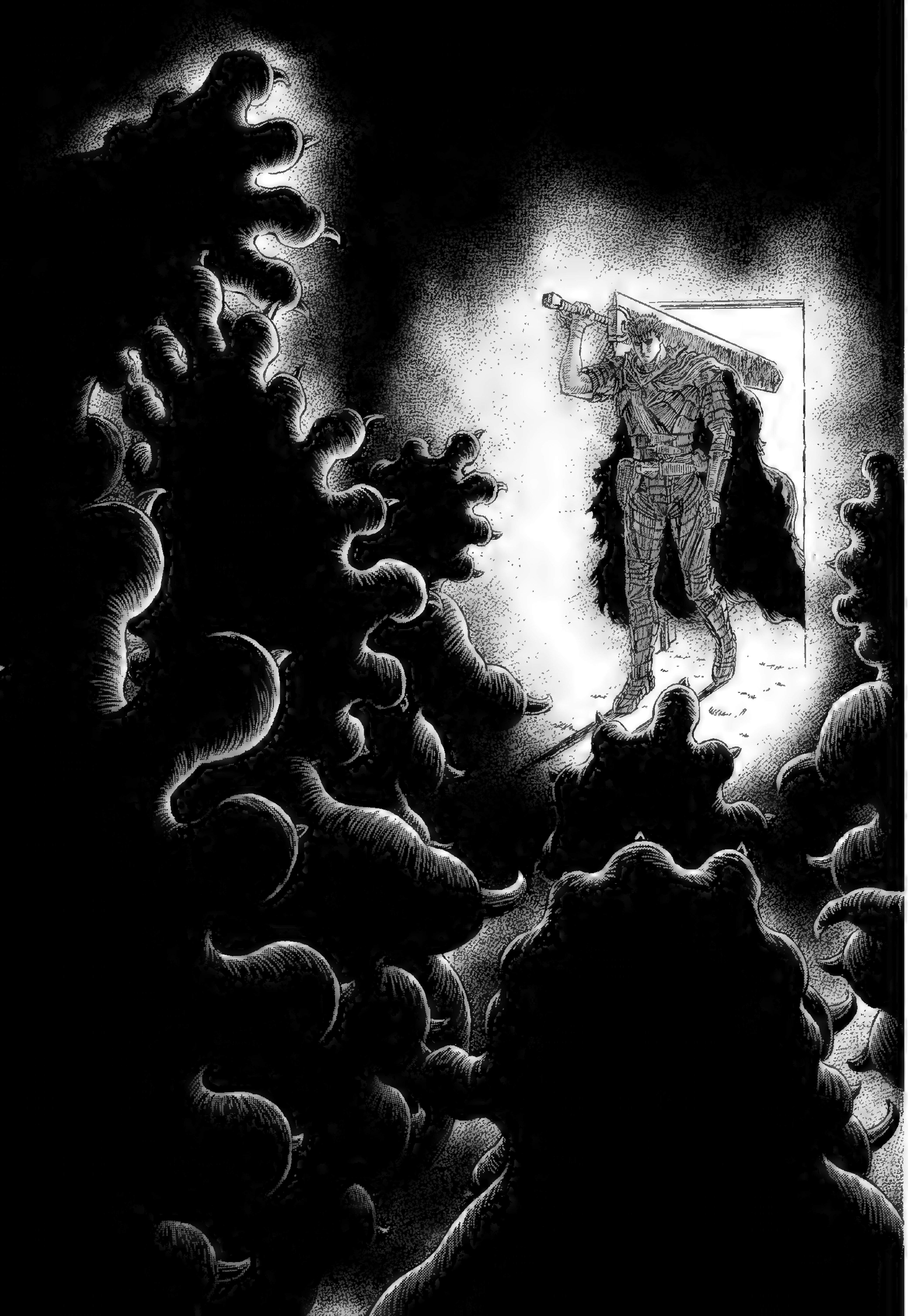
*GRAB
*ZHOMM

WHOCK


WE SAW THOSE THIS MORNING ...!
*FX: GLCH
DOES THAT MEAN ...
...*THEY'RE* THOSE THINGS TOO...?
*FX: GCHAK
GREAT.
THIS WELCOME'S A BIT *TOO* WARM.



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HUMAN TENTACLES

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WHAT ?
...!
...SOMETHING MUST BE HAPPENING OVER THERE.
ISMA, I APOLOGIZE.
I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING URGENT. I NEED TO GET BACK TO MY FRIENDS IN THE VILLAGE RIGHT AWAY.
YEAH? THAT SUCKS ...
YOU KNOW, I'LL TAKE YOU THERE.
IT'S DANGEROUS FOOTING AT NIGHT, AND I KNOW A SHORTCUT.

WHUNK

*VYUOHHH
*BLACH
*BLACH
THERE'S INDEED A FULL MOON.
THE SYLPH SWORD SEEMS MORE POWERFUL THAN USUAL.

*ZHMM
YEEE ...!
THEY'RE BACK THERE TOO...!
OH RIGHT, THERE WERE CUSTOMERS BACK THERE!
*POUNCE
*SLITHER
*ZHNK
*DOSH

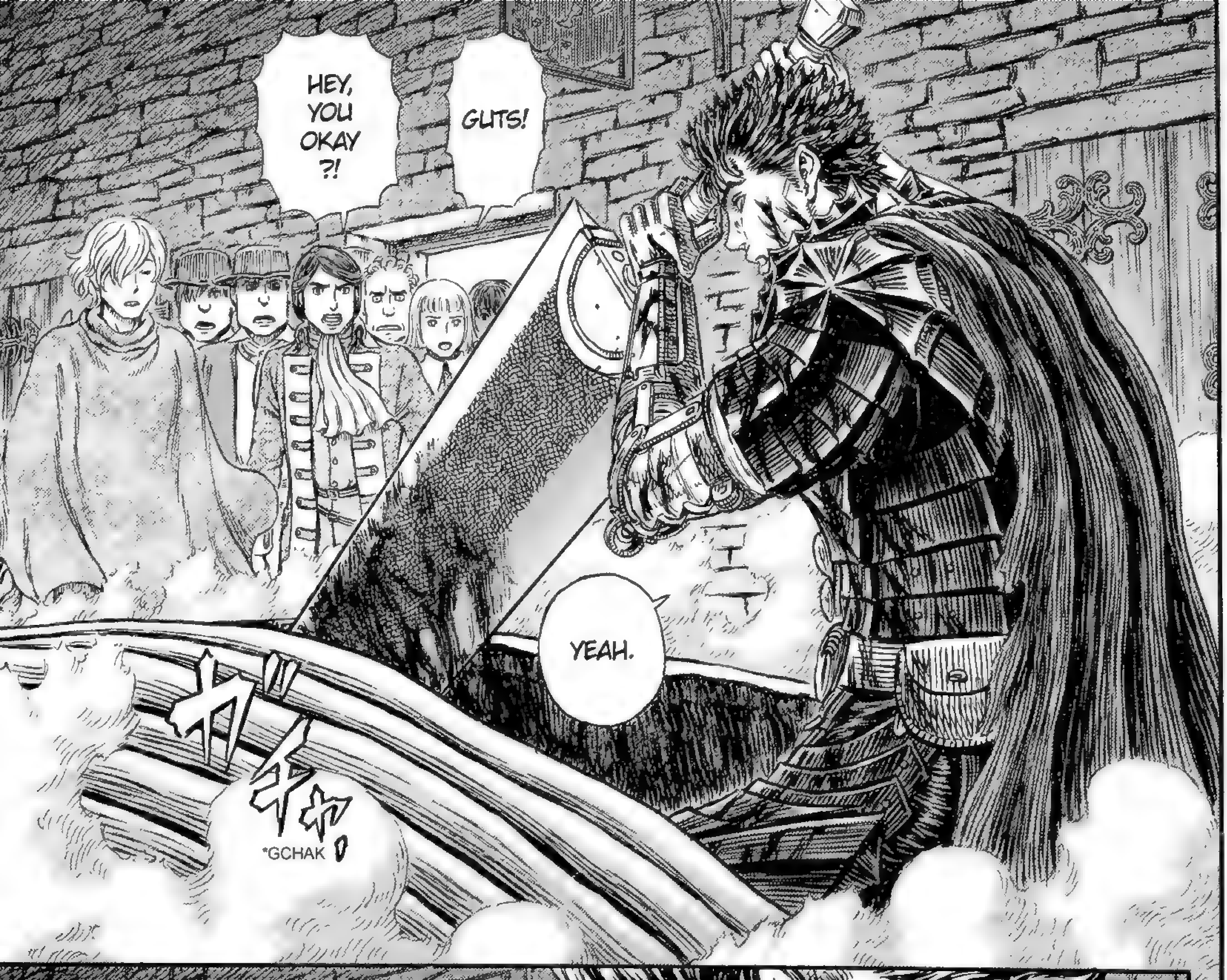
*SHRAK
I'M SURPRISED TO LEARN OCTOPI CAN CHANGE INTO HUMANS!
CAN'T SAY IT MAKES ME WANNA EAT ANY MORE OF 'EM!
*ZHOM
*ZHOM
*ZHOM
STILL, JUST HOW MANY LIMBS ARE THERE HERE?
THIS MIGHT BE THE ENTIRE VILLAGE'S POPULATION...
YEAH, THIS MANY **ARMS** CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
*FLAIL
*FLAIL
*CLATA
*DOOOOSH

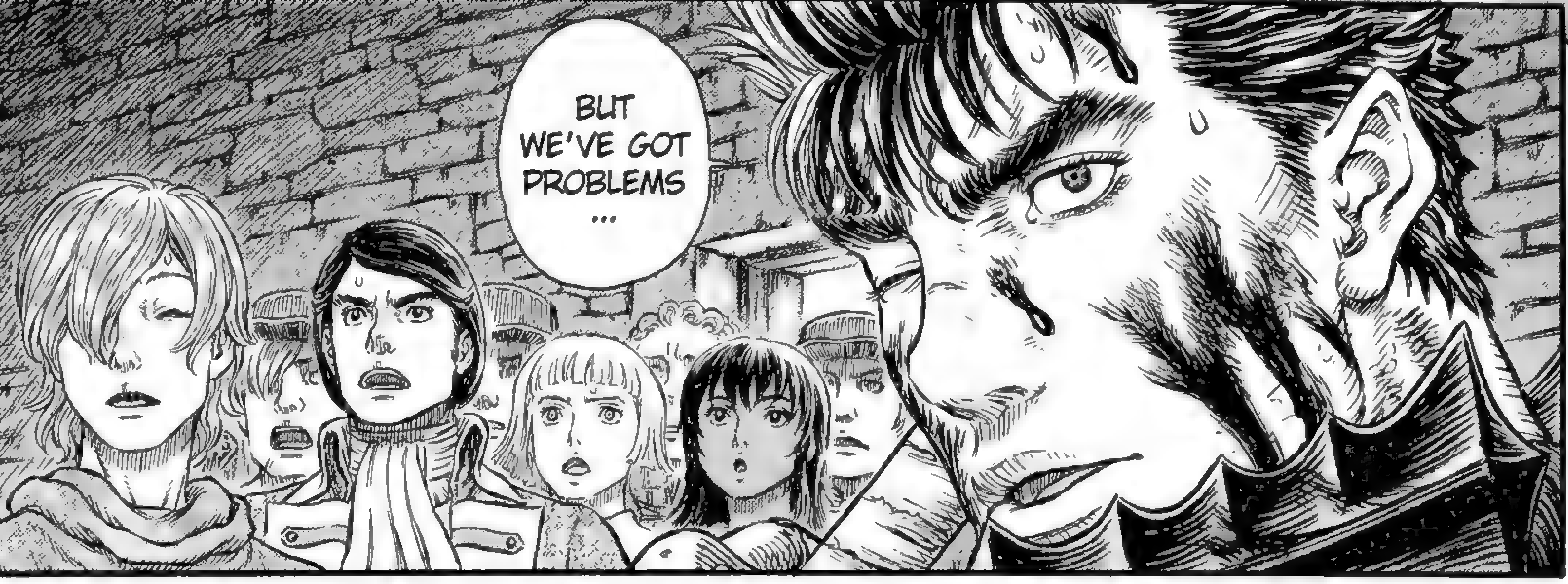
ZHM
ZHM
ZHM
THERE THEY ARE.
THOUGHT SO.

*WHOM
*CHONK
*DSSSH

*SHOOM
*FSHHT
*CHFF
*WHMM
IT'S TOO THICK ...!!
GUTS ...!!
ON YOUR RIGHT !!
*CLANG

*SHLORP
*SPLAT

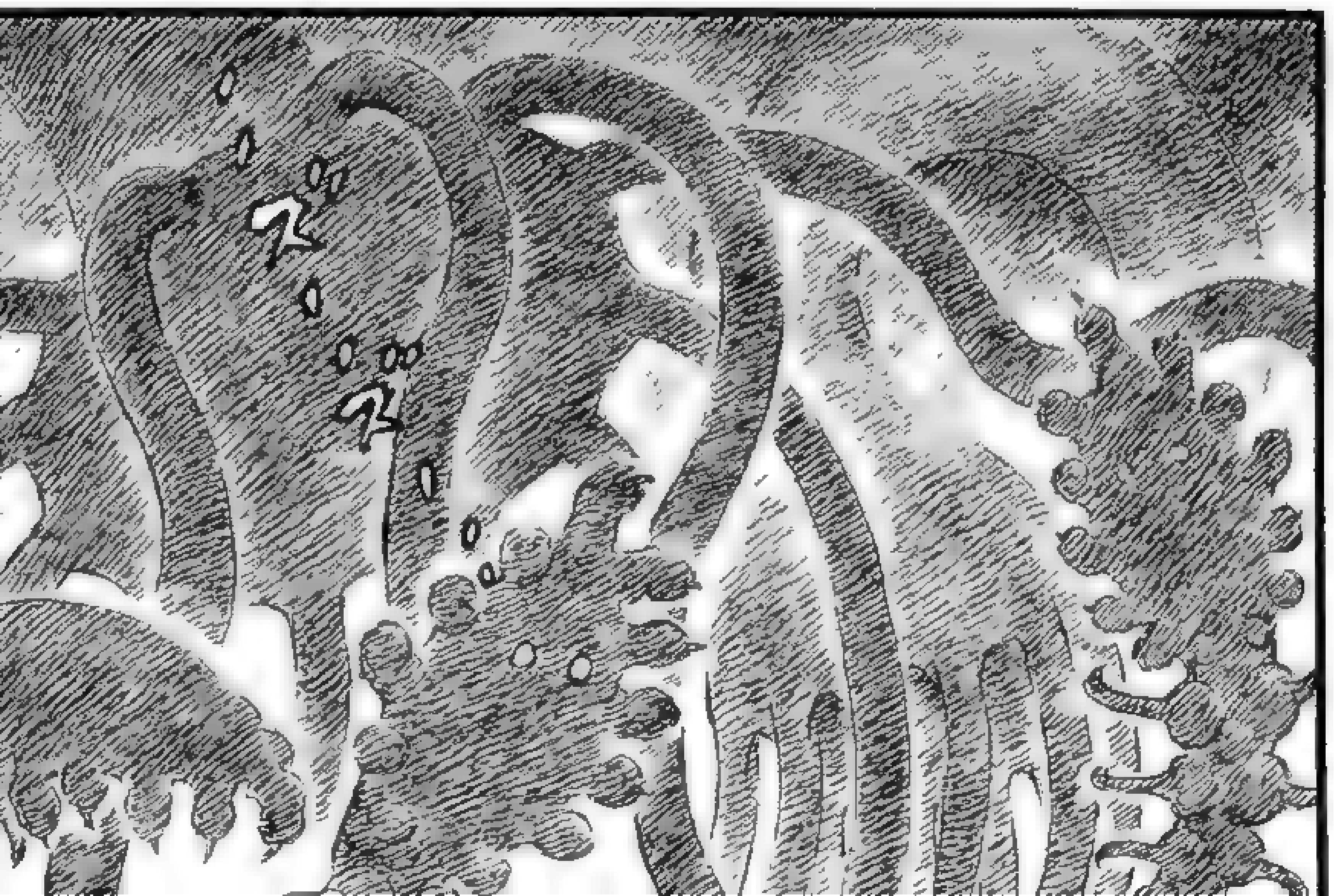

GUTS!
HEY, YOU OKAY ?!
YEAH.
*GCHAK

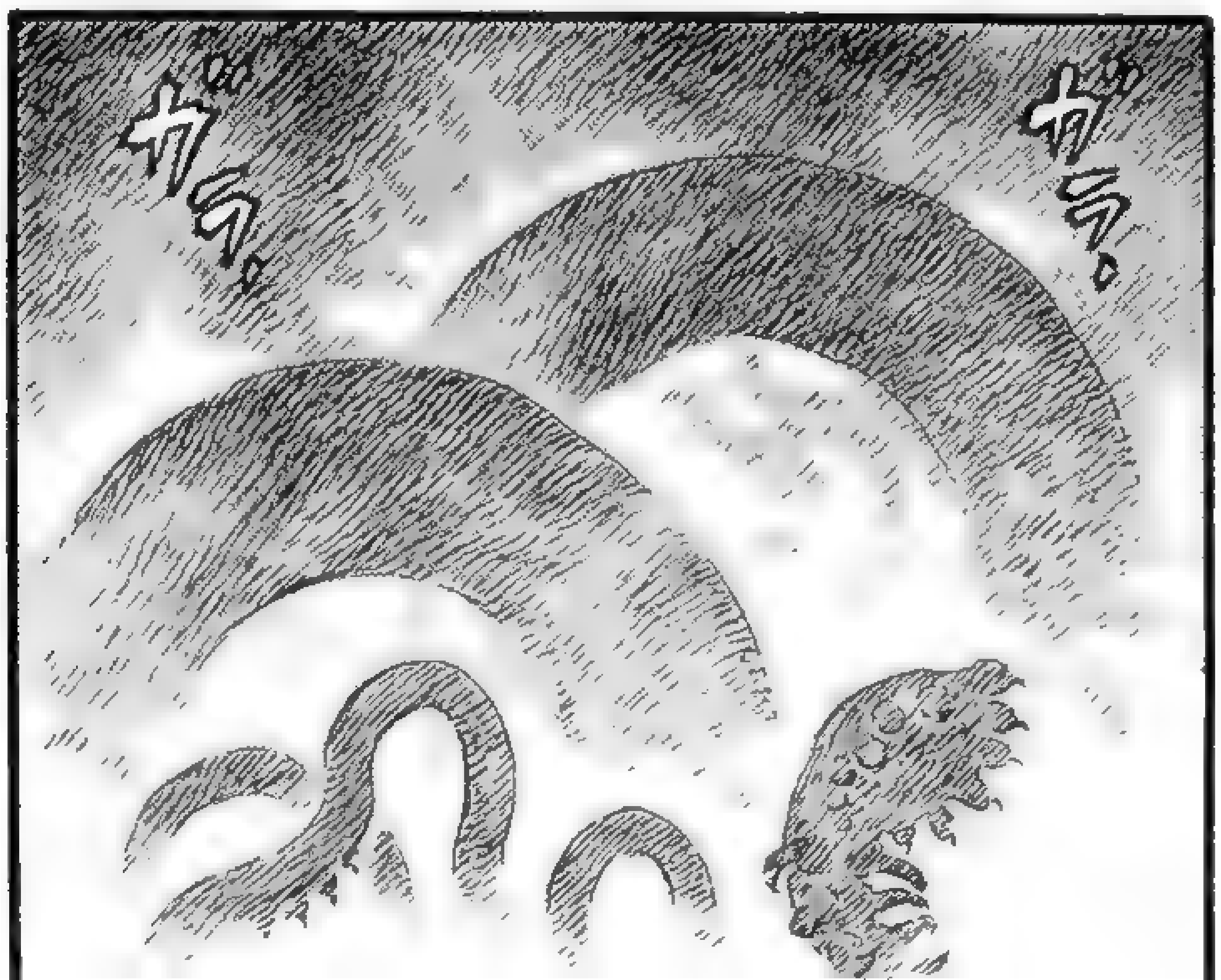

BUT WE'VE GOT PROBLEMS ...

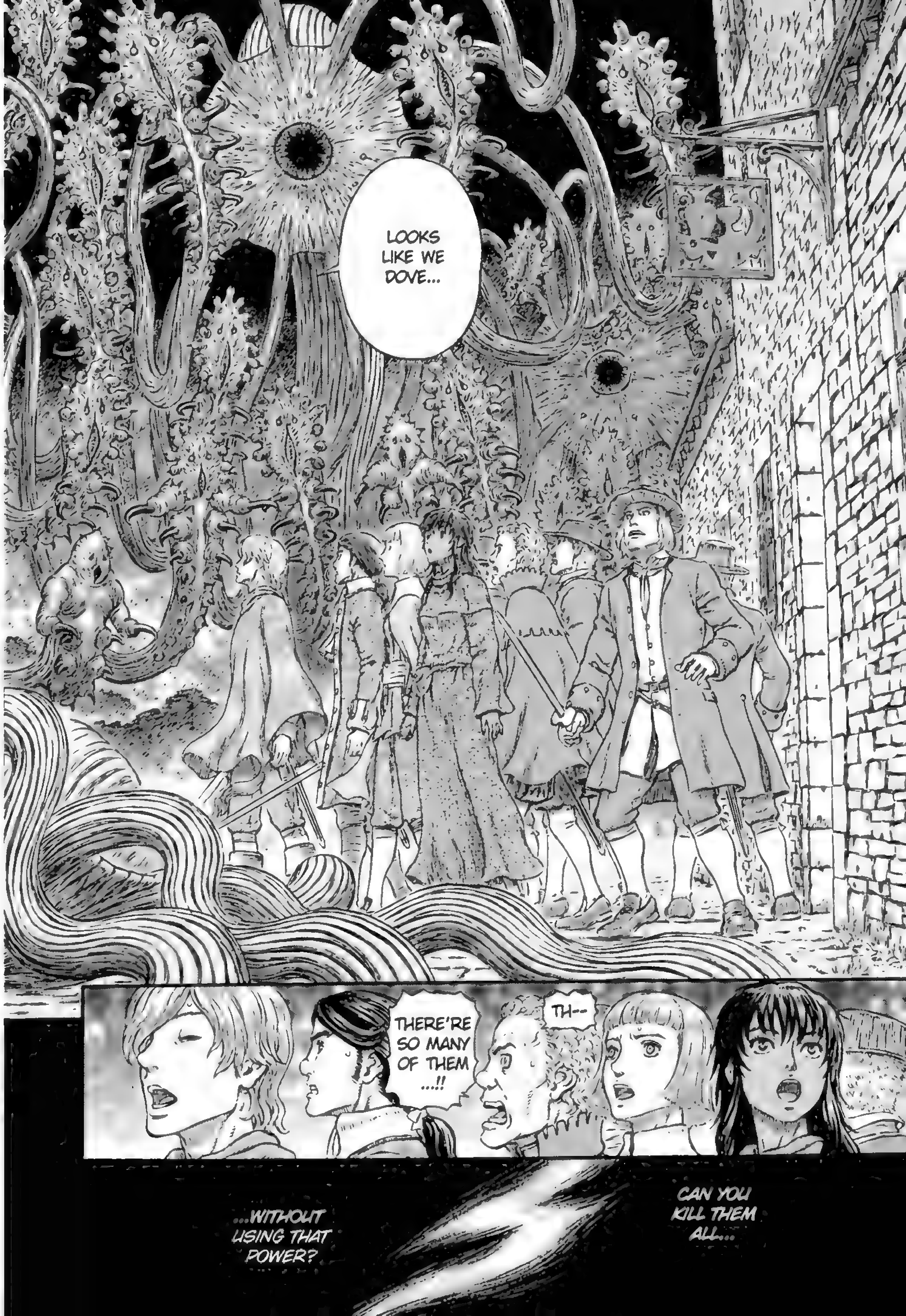
*FX: ZHM ZHM ZHM

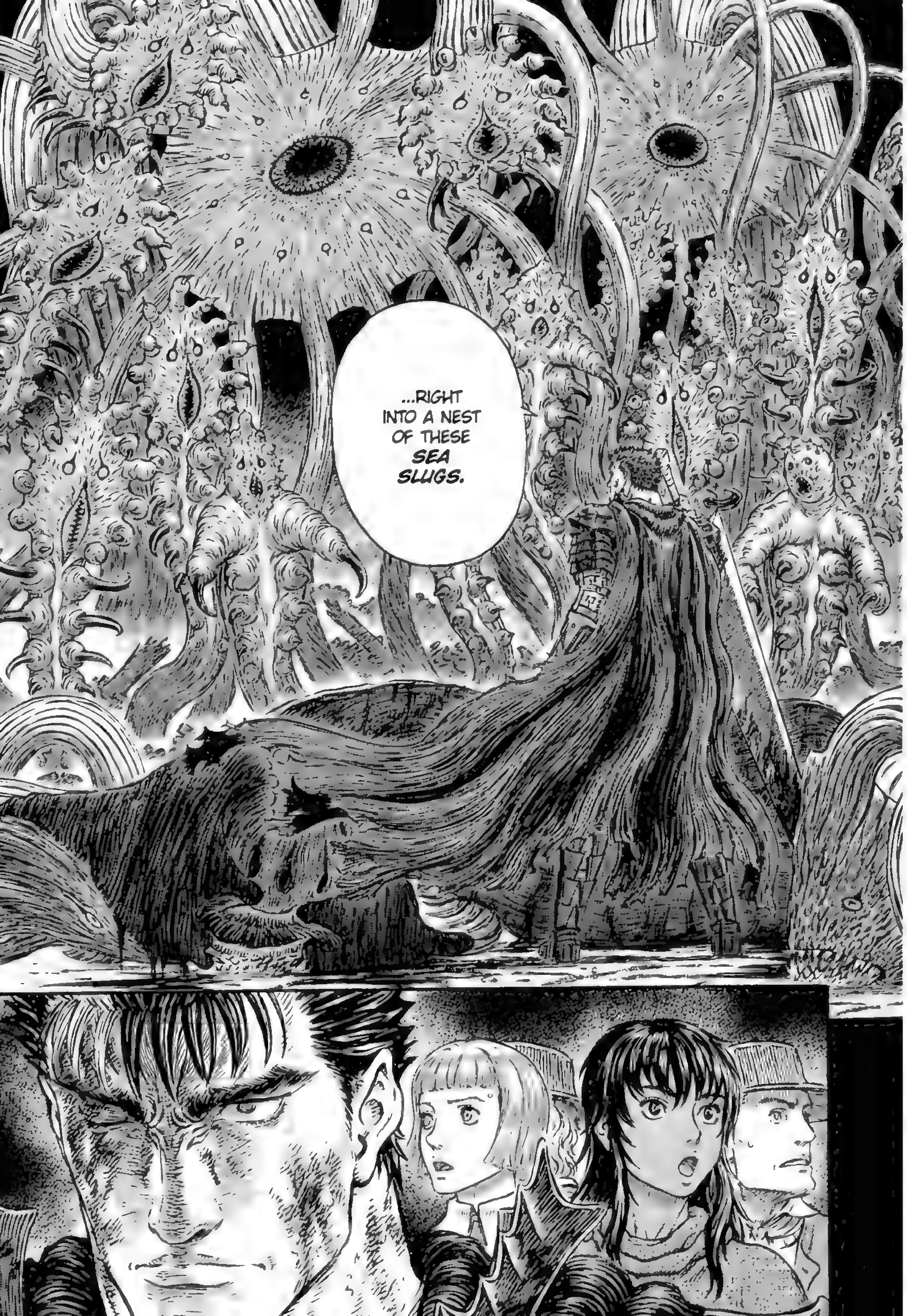
*FX: CLATA

*FX: CLATA






LOOKS LIKE WE DOVE...
TH--
THERE'RE SO MANY OF THEM ...!!
CAN YOU KILL THEM ALL...
...WITHOUT USING THAT POWER?


...RIGHT INTO A NEST OF THESE *SEA SLUGS.*

SCHIERKE?
WHAT'S UP?
IS THERE TROUBLE OVER THERE?
LET'S MOVE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.
WATCH YOUR FOOTING IN THE DARK...
HEY, THAT THING'S PRETTY CONVENIENT.
WISH I HAD ONE FOR NIGHT FISHING.
H.
WHAT'S THE HOLDUP?
LOOK.
...DOWN BY THE CAVE FROM EARLIER.

?!
SOMETHING'S CLIMBING UP THE CLIFF.
ギ
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GRNCH
GRNCH
ギ
ギ
KREEEEE
GRNCH

*DSSSH
*ZASSSH
*KRRRN
*KRRRN
*SKRAK
*BLOSH
*YANK

*WHOM
*KRRRNG
ギャリリッ
*CLACK
*BOOM

GUTS ...!!
*DOOOSH
... SHIT.
*FX: FWMP
HOW MANY TIMES AM I GONNA FIRE THIS THING TODAY?
*STUFF
I'M GONNA HAVE TO CHARGE YOU FOR THE POWDER AND SHOTS, CAPTAIN.
YOU CAN HAVE A WHOLE KEG'S WORTH.
*KACHING
THIS ISN'T LOOKIN' GOOD, THOUGH.
I KEEP CUTTIN' 'EM DOWN, BUT MORE KEEP SPRINGIN' UP.
WE COULD AT LEAST BOMBARD THEM IF WE GOT BACK TO THE SHIP...
...BUT WE'RE SO SURROUNDED WE CAN'T EVEN GET OUT OF THE VILLAGE.
*ZHM
*ZHM
*ZHM
*ZHM
*ZHM

H-HEY, BLACK SWORDSMAN!
USE THAT POWER OF YOURS!
!
YOU KNOW, WHAT YOU DID IN VRITANNIS, THE ONE WHERE YOU LOOK LIKE A BEAST...
?!
NO!!
THAT...
THAT POWER...
...MUST NOT BE USED!!
IF HE USES IT NOW WHILE MY MISTRESS ISN'T HERE...
HE'S LIABLE TO ONCE AGAIN...
ゴゴ.ゴゴゴ *RMMMB
THEN HOW THE HELL DO WE GET OUTTA THIS...!!
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*RMMMB

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THE TENTACLED SHIP

*ZHMZHM
*ZHMZHM
OHHH...
A--
A SHIP ?!
NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING...

IMPOSSIBLE...!! A SHIP ON LAND?!
THIS IS JUST TOO ABSURD !!
*BRRMMB
YO HO HO HO HO HO!
SCARED YA, DID WE ?!
THIS IS A GHOST SHIP!
ABSURD IS WHAT WE DO!!

ONCE I SMELL THE SCENT OF BLOOD, I'LL FOLLOW IT LIKE A SHARK HOWEVER FAR I HAVE TO!!
SORRY TO BE GREETIN' YOU FROM SO HIGH UP!! 'TIS I, BONEBEARD!!
THERE HE IS...!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LOOK UP TO A PIRATE.
BOTH LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.
MAYBE IT'D BE *NICE* TO HAVE A GHOST SHIP.
HAR HAR HAR!! I'M HONORED TO EARN YOUR ADMIRATION!!
VINDICTIVENESS IS THE IRONCLAD RULE OF SURVIVAL IN THIS HARSH WORLD OF PIRATING!!
BUT WE ALL DIED, SIR.
AND YOU'RE ALL A BUNCH OF FOOLS!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CHOSE TO STOP RIGHT HERE IN OUR ROOST!
*IGHHH
EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN THIS VILLAGE IS ON OUR SIDE.
THEY'RE ALL LITERALLY HANDS AND FEET FOR THE SEA GOD.
JUST SO YOU KNOW, THESE TENTACLES DIDN'T CHANGE INTO HUMANS.

IT'S THE OPPOSITE!
HUMANS WHO GET EATEN TURN *INTO* TENTACLES!
THIS SHIP WILL DEVOUR YOU...
*POKE
IT'LL HAPPEN TO YOU TOO, SOON ENOUGH!
*SHLLF
*LOOM
...AND YOU'LL BE BRETHREN OF THE SEA, JUST LIKE US!!
THERE'S A MONSTER INSIDE THE SHIP...?!
AYE... SURPRISED, ARE YE?
AND AT THE RISK OF REPEATIN' MYSELF...
...YOU'VE JUST BEEN CUTTIN' OFF ITS WHISKERS.

IT'S NOCTURNAL, YOU SEE. IT GOES BACK TO ITS DEN ONCE THE SUN RISES.
SO LAST TIME WE RAN OUT OF TIME...
BUT THIS TIME'S DIFFERENT. THE SUN ONLY JUST SET.
AND TONIGHT'S FULL MOON IS *SPECIAL!*
SEEMS IT'S THE EASTER OF THE SEA GOD!
THAT GETS EVEN THESE GLOOMY FISHERMEN EXCITED!
RIGHT, BRETHREN?!
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・ズズ・・・
*ZHM ZHM ZHM ZHM ZHM

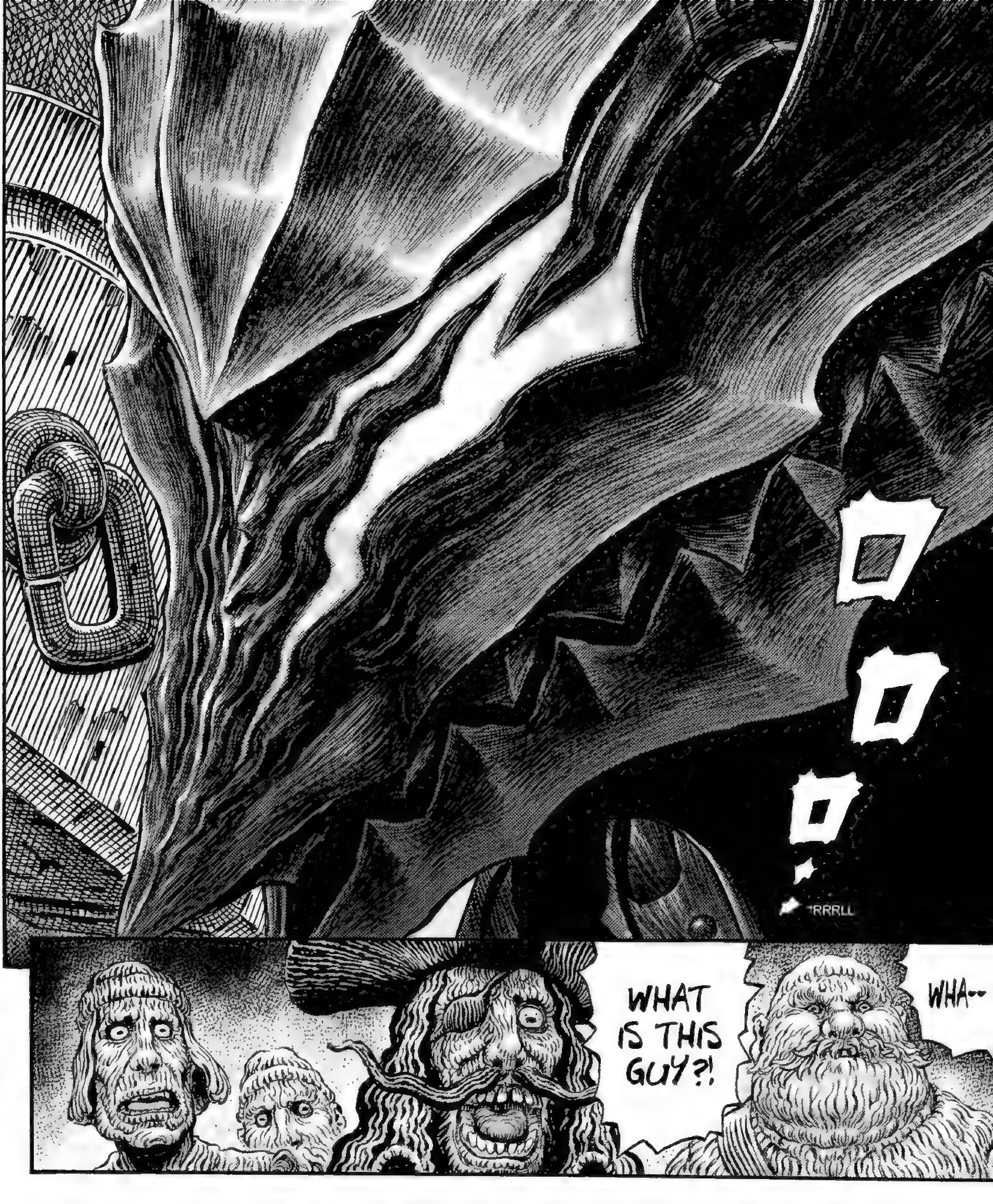
DONNN'T WORRY!
ONCE YOU'RE SWALLOWED WHOLE AND DIGESTED BIT BY BIT...
...YOU'RE COMPLETELY REBORN, AND THEN THE *FUN* BEGINS!
NOW LET'S RESTART...
...THIS FEAST WHERE WE LAST LEFT OFF!!
NOOOO!
I DON'T WANNA BE A TENTACLE!
ドクン
*BATHUMP

...NO!!
WAIT!!
AT LEAST WAIT UNTIL I'M THERE...!!
ZHMZHMZHM

NO ...!!

ミシッ
*FLEX
ミシッ
*FLEX
ミシッ
*FLEX
*SPRING
ダッ

ドドォオン
*BDOOOM
GUTS...!!
グッ
*TONK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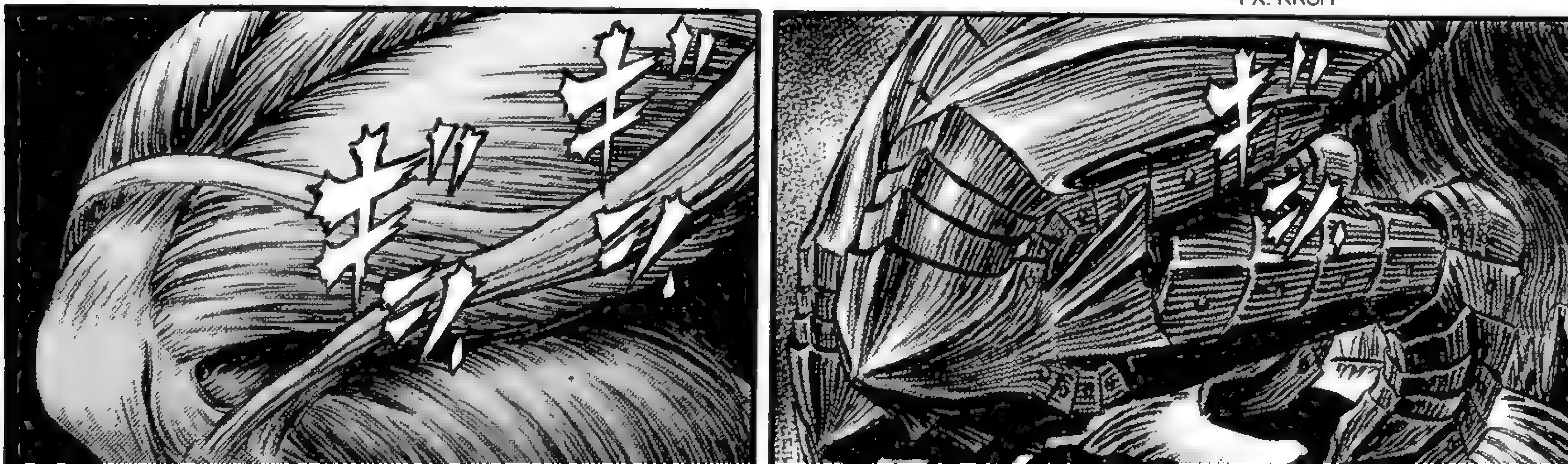
TRRRLL
WHA--
WHAT IS THIS GUY?!

*FX: FLEX FLEX

*FX: KRSH



*GROLL
*LEAP
*KRACK

*VSSSHH
WHA ...?!
RIGHT THROUGH THE ARMORED HULL...?!
*MWOHHHH
TAKE THIS...!!
*SHOM
*FLAIL
*WHAPPP

SPRING
SPIN
SHNK
SHNK
SHNK

*WHOCK
ヴシャァァ
*VSHAHHH
ズヴウウ
*DSSHH

ロロロ
*RRRRL
AHH ...!
ALL HE NEEDED WAS A LITTLE PROVOCATION.
I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE, BUT I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HE CAN *DO* THAT.
GUTS...

HA?!
HA?!
G--
ゴゴ
ゴゴ
*RMMBLL
GIANT SEA HARES AND A SHIP ARE ATTACKING THE VILLAGE!
AREN'T THOSE SLUGS?
IT'S KINDA FUNNY WHEN YOU SAY IT OUT LOUD.
CRAP!
IT'S STARTED ALREADY!
...!!

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STOP

This is the back of the book!

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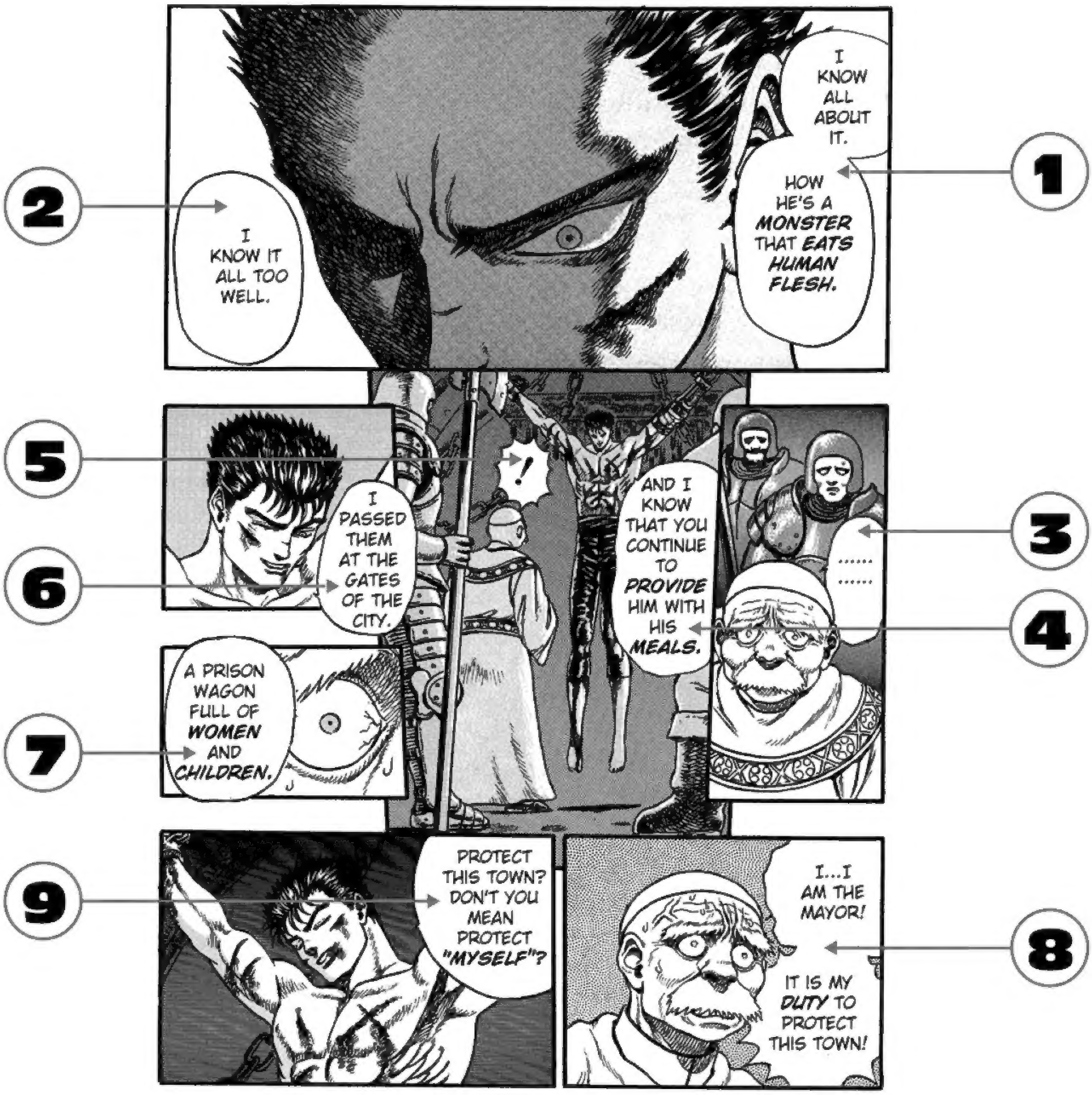
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I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
HOW HE'S A MONSTER THAT EATS HUMAN FLESH.
2
I KNOW IT ALL TOO WELL.
3
....
4
AND I KNOW THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH HIS MEALS.
5
!
6
I PASSED THEM AT THE GATES OF THE CITY.
7
A PRISON WAGON FULL OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
8
I...I AM THE MAYOR!
IT IS MY DUTY TO PROTECT THIS TOWN!
9
PROTECT THIS TOWN? DON'T YOU MEAN PROTECT "MYSELF"?

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